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David J. Valesky

Beth Broadway, Executive Director of Interfaith Works, Honored by Senator Valesky as NY Senate Woman of Distinction

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ALBANY, N.Y.--State Senator David J. Valesky(D-Oneida) named Beth Broadway, Executive Director of InterFaith Works of Central New York, as the 53rd Senate District's "Woman of Distinction" as part of the New York State Senate's 16th Annual Women of Distinction celebration held at the Capitol on May 7.

"I am very pleased to recognize Beth Broadway as the 53rd Senate District's Woman of Distinction," Senator Valesky said. "She has committed a tremendous amount of time and effort toward positive change in Central New York, and the effects of her work are evident throughout the community."

InterFaith Works, a not-for-profit agency founded in 1976, aims to build cross-cultural bridges of understanding between the many ethnic, religious and socio-economic groups in Central New York. It offers programs to settle refugees, serve seniors, provide chaplains and create opportunities through dialogues to end racism and promote understanding. Broadway was named Executive Director in 2010.

Previously, she led the agency's Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism (CWD), which works in grammar schools, middle schools, high schools and with adults to break down stereotypes, build solid relationships and address the systemic problem of racism in the community. She initiated the annual Duck Race to End Racism, a fundraiser and community festival now in its eleventh year.

In addition, Broadway is the designer and facilitator of The Leadership Classroom, a project of the Central New York Community Foundation, which trains and equips neighborhood leaders to develop projects that improve city neighborhoods and engage neighborhood residents in their community. She was the principal consultant on the development of the City of Syracuse's neighborhood planning program, Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today.

Broadway resides in Cazenovia with her husband, Philip Rose. She is an award winning quilter and long distance swimmer.

Broadway was recognized at a ceremony in Albany on May 7, along with other honorees from across the state.

The Senate's "Woman of Distinction" program was created in 1998 to honor New York women who exemplify personal excellence, or whose professional achievements or acts of courage, selflessness, integrity or perseverance serve as an example to all New Yorkers. Since the inception of the program, more than 400 women have been honored as Women of Distinction.