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Senator Ortt Honors North Tonawanda Resident for “Woman of Distinction”

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Annual Program Recognizes Women’s Contributions to Our Community

ALBANY - State Senator Rob Ortt (R,C,I – North Tonawanda) today recognized North Tonawanda resident Master Sergeant Sue Clark as a New York “Woman of Distinction” during a ceremony at the Legislative Office Building. Master Sergeant Clark was personally selected by Sen. Ortt and was among 62 other distinguished women who were honored by

the state Senate this evening.

The event showcases outstanding women living and working in New York State whose contributions have greatly enriched the quality of life in their communities and beyond.

“There are remarkable women in our midst whose lives, work or special accomplishments contribute to making our communities better, making our families stronger and serve as special examples to others,” said Sen. Ortt. “The Senate’s ‘Women of Distinction’ program provides a special opportunity to honor these women for their achievements and to thank them for the pride they bring to our communities.”

Master Sergeant Clark moved to Western New York in 2008, and later worked at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station as the 107th Airlift Wing Commander’s Executive Assistant for four years. Her most recent mission was in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Throughout her military career, Master Sergeant Clark has achieved extraordinary milestones that have earned her numerous awards and medals. She retired from the military on May 1, 2012 with 30 years of service.

In addition to her service to our country, Master Sergeant Clark also devotes her time to volunteering with the North Tonawanda Meals on Wheels, Erie-Niagara Sunshine Exchange Club, Peace of the City and Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-5. She is also a life member of the VFW Post 12097, American Legion Post 1322 and Disabled American Veterans.

“Sue's commitment to her community involved three decades of service to her country in the military. But, it certainly didn't end there as evidenced by her tireless volunteer efforts,” said Sen. Ortt. “She truly embodies the word ‘distinction.’”

The “Women of Distinction” celebration was started in 1998. Previous winners in the annual event have included leading women from the world of business, academics and civic life, as

well as those who have performed heroic or selfless acts, made significant discoveries, or provided examples of personal excellence against difficult odds.