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## Honoring New York State's "Women of Distinction"

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### Senator Ritchie's Weekly Column

All throughout our state, and right here in our region, there are remarkable women in our midst whose work or every day contributions make our communities better, make our families stronger and serve as a special example to others.

Whether a trailblazer in business, academics, and civic life, or someone who has performed heroic or selfless acts, or have personally excelled against difficult odds, these women deserve to be recognized for the tremendous impact they make.

To honor these special women, I am accepting nominations for the New York State Senate's "Women of Distinction" program. Women living in the 48th Senate District—including Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties—are eligible to be nominated by their co-workers, family and friends.

I have been proud to honor more than 100 women in recent years through this program, and am again looking forward to paying tribute to more individuals who are bettering communities throughout Central and Northern New York. Last year, I honored 30 women in a special ceremony in Alexandria Bay. The "Women of Distinction" included educators, community volunteers and women at the top of their career fields. They represent the qualities of leadership, compassion and diligence.

This special program is a continuation of my efforts to support women living throughout Central and Northern New York. Recently, I also serve as a "Delegate-at-Large" of the state Legislature's bipartisan Women's Caucus to provide a network of support for women in state government.

You can find the "Women of Distinction" nomination by clicking on the pdf link above the photo, or by calling my office at (315) 782-3418 to have a form mailed to you. The deadline to submit a nomination is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

I am hopeful that people throughout our region will take time to nominate the outstanding women who make our region such a special place.