



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Pamela Helming

Senator Pam Helming Honored by the American-Irish Legislators Society of New York at Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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L-R: AILS Pres. Senator Brian Kavanagh, Senator Helming, AILS 1st V.P. Senator Patrick Gallivan

New York State Senator Pamela Helming was presented with the Daniel O'Connell Award at the annual Saint Patrick's Dinner hosted by the American-Irish Legislators Society of New York. The Daniel O'Connell Award is named for the famous Irish nationalist, known as The Liberator and The Emancipator. Daniel O'Connell was Ireland's predominant politician in the first half of the nineteenth century.

The society presents the award annually to a state senator demonstrating untiring dedication, promotion, and continuing support of the goals of the American-Irish Legislators Society of New York. The society founded in 1973, is a bipartisan organization composed of members of the New York State Legislature committed to promoting awareness of Irish culture, ties between Ireland and New York, and fellowship among legislators who are of Irish descent, or who have an interest in Ireland and in the American-Irish community.

Senator Helming said "Our Irish history and culture are full of incredible people like Danny O'Connell. I am very proud and humbled to accept this award in his memory. In my life, I've been blessed to be guided by 3 fearless Irish warriors...strong, quiet women who persevered through many challenging ordeals. Through their actions, they taught me the

importance of standing up and fighting for those who were suffering or in need.”

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