



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Owen Johnson Honors Carol Quirk, 2010 Woman of Distinction

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State Senator Owen H. Johnson (4th Senate District, Babylon), recently honored Carol Quirk of Deer Park as a 2010 New York State Senate “Woman of Distinction.” Carol Quirk currently serves as Town Clerk in the Town of Babylon, where she is responsible for maintaining and archiving all town records as well as issuing state and town permits. Before serving as Town Clerk, she served as a Babylon Town Councilwoman for over seven years. She has been a resident and active community member of Deer Park for over 40 years.

Through her involvement in many local, state-wide, civic and charitable organizations, Mrs. Quirk's contributions have been recognized and honored with a variety of awards. She has received a Congressional Citation for her service to her community, a 2005 United States Congress Women in Government Award, the Suffolk County Award for Archiving and Record Keeping, the Airmid Theatre Award for her Support of Women in the Arts and the Gertrude Van Kirk Women in Government Award. She has been honored as a Lifetime Member of the New York State Parent Teacher Association and has been inducted into the Long Island Junior Soccer Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Quirk began her career in public service when elected to the Town Council in November 2001. While there, she served as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Chairperson of the Technology Committee and the Liaison for Veterans Affairs. Before becoming Town Clerk, Carol Quirk was employed at Western Suffolk BOCES for 24 years where she worked directly with children with Special Needs. Carol & her husband Jim have three sons, James, John & Kevin and are the proud grandparents of Kayla & John.

Senator Johnson explained that the Senate's Women of Distinction program was created as part of the Senate's celebration of Women's History Month. The program, which started in 1998, honors exceptional achievement, personal excellence and outstanding, courageous and heroic actions on the part of individual women from all across the State. Each honoree's photograph and biography becomes part of a special exhibit that honors and celebrates the unique accomplishments of exemplary women in New York.

"Carol Quirk is an incredible woman whose work has made a difference in so many lives," said Senator Johnson. "I am truly honored to have nominated her as a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction."

Senator Johnson is pictured with Carol Quirk and her husband James Quirk at the Women of Distinction Award Ceremony held in Albany on May 25, 2010.