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## Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

## **Year:** 2014

Rose Marie Walker is a pioneer for women in government and her accomplishments are impressive. A dedicated elected official, Ms. Walker embodies community service. She is not only a beloved mother and proud grandmother, she also manages to devote countless hours to residents and businesses in Nassau County.

A lifelong resident of Hicksville, Ms. Walker was first elected to represent the 17th Legislative District in 2009; residents recognized her commitment and dedication by re-electing her in 2011 and again in 2013.

Prior to her election to the Legislature, Ms. Walker served as a councilwoman in the Town of Oyster Bay from 2004 through 2009. While on the board, Ms. Walker proposed legislation to create a Veterans Service Division expanded services and programs for seniors. Ms. Walker is proud of the accomplishments she has made to help protect the environment, expand open space, and senior housing and begin Next Gen housing for young people.

A tireless and active community member, Ms. Walker has served as a trustee on the Board of Education in Hicksville, is a Past President of Dutch Lane PTA, Hicksville Middle School and High School PTSA as well as PTA Council. She is a founding member of the Hicksville Athletic Booster Club, past president of Holy Family Rosary Society, served on Holy Family Parish Council, and taught confraternity. She is a member of many civic organizations as well as Hicksville Community Council and Chamber of Commerce, Order Sons of Italy Capt. Kathy Mazza Lodge, and Joseph Barry Columbiettes, Nassau County Vietnam Veterans of America and is past president of Irish Americans in Government. In addition, she is a founding member of the Bethpage-Central Park Kiwanis Club and a long-standing member of the Hicksville Kiwanis Club. She has also volunteered countless hours at American Cancer Society Relay for Life events in her district, and on the athletic fields of Hicksville and Nassau County working with PAL Lacrosse, Hicksville Crusader Football, Hicksville Baseball Association and Levittown Red Devil Football.

Ms. Walker, and her late husband John, are the proud parents of Rob and his wife Liz, Jen and her husband Keith, Bryan and Kristi. She is also the proud grandmother of Aiden John, Alexis Elizabeth and the newest addition to their family, Lucas Eugene.