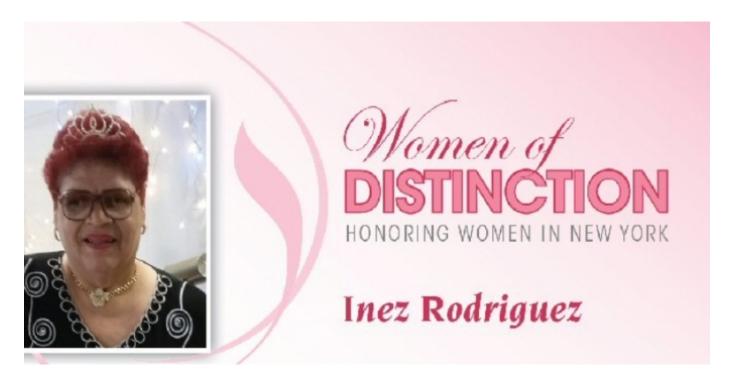


New York State Senate Honors "Women of Distinction"

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BROOKLYN, NY – Senator Roxanne J. Persaud invited local residents to nominate friends, coworkers and neighborhood leaders whose outstanding work on behalf of their

communities makes them deserving of special recognition by the State Senate as a New York

"Woman of Distinction."

The Senate honored Canarsie resident Inez Rodriguez as Senate District's 19 "Woman of

Distinction" recipient. Ms. Rodriguez stood alongside other women of distinction from

throughout the state at the May 10th Albany ceremony, where each honoree's photograph

and biography became part of a special exhibit proclaiming the contributions of these

exemplary New York women.

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. 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."

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.

The Women of Distinction program was created as part of the Senate's celebration of

Women's History Month. In addition to recognizing present-day women, each March, the

Senate hosts a display that honors other distinguished women from New York's past, from

leaders of the 19th Century suffragist movement to pioneers in education, science and the

arts.

Follow link for: Ms. Inez Rodriguez's Biography

Senator Persaud offers an online Women of Distinction exhibit through her web site www.persaud.nysenate.gov.