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## Senator Young Honors Military Spouses

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ALBANY – Recognizing the monumental contributions of military spouses, Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I- 57th District) today acknowledged the husbands and wives of our brave service members and veterans in advance of National Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

Celebrated on the Friday before Mother’s Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day honors the contributions made by military husbands and wives, and their commitment to the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who keep us safe.

“America’s military spouses are the backbone of their families. They support our troops during training, deployment and reintegration. Often hidden from public view, military spouses fill the role of parent, counselor and support mechanism. They are the unseen heroes of our Nation’s military, and we all thank them for their dedication to their families and our country,” Senator Young said.

Last year, the Senate passed legislation that was later signed into law, which has been a long-standing priority for military families, providing for the expedited licensing of military spouses with out-of-state professional licenses in equivalent occupations. Military spouses are ten times more likely than other civilians to move across state lines during their careers, and the new law makes it easier for military spouses to gain approval from New York State if they can show they hold a valid license from their home state and already meet New York’s training requirements.

“We thank the brave men and women of our armed forces for the sacrifices they make on our behalf. We also express our deepest gratitude for the courageous partners who stand side by side with their loved ones in fervent service to our country,” said Senator Young.

More information on Military Spouse Appreciation Day can be found at <http://militarybenefits.info/military-spouse-appreciation-day/>.

Military spouses who would like to learn more about expediting their professional licenses can visit <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/militaryspouse.htm>.

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