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**Senator Leroy Comrie Honors Queens SUNY EOC Director
Khayriyyah H. Ali**

Albany, NY — In observance of the annual Women of Distinction celebration, State Senator Leroy Comrie nominated Queens SUNY Education Opportunity Center (EOC) Director Khayriyyah H. Ali for recognition of her remarkable contributions to Southeast Queens and New York State.

“There are few individuals in District 14 more worthy of recognition by the state Senate for their contributions than Director Ali,” said Senator Leroy Comrie. “For decades, she has worked tirelessly to empower Southeast Queens adults and youth through education and career development.”

Ali, whose responsibilities as Queens EOC director include overseeing the academic and career training for more than one thousand students annually, has worked in the areas of education, human services, and community development for more than forty years. In addition to her leadership duties at the Queens EOC, she mentors youth and leads several non-profit organizations, as well as the largest Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) testing site in the entire country.

In addition to her membership with numerous community service organizations and agencies, Ali is an officer and board member of the York College Family and Child Center and the South East Queens Muslim Collective, and she serves as vice president of the EOC Directors Association. Ali is also a certified holistic aromatherapist and is the owner of a small business in Downtown Jamaica.

A graduate of the New York Institute of Technology’s Master of Professional Studies and Behavioral Science programs, Ali is committed to sharing her professional expertise and commitment in service to the Southeast Queens Community.

The Women of Distinction celebration is an annual event in Albany that brings together women from across the state for recognition of their unique and positive contributions to their communities and beyond. This year’s event marked the twenty-year anniversary of the inaugural Women of Distinction ceremony.

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