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December 21, 2011

Leo Wiegman, Mayor
Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building
1 Van Wyck St
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Dear Mayor Wiegman,

I am proud to inform you that on **Friday, March 30, 2012**, the Women of Distinction, honoring Women in New York State's 40th Senate District, will welcome its first class of honorees, recognizing one woman of distinction from each Town, Village, or City within the Senate District.

Included with this letter, you will find a nomination form. I ask that you collaborate with your colleagues on the Village Board to select and nominate one Woman of Distinction who either works or resides within Croton-On-Hudson to be honored as a Woman of Distinction in New York's 40th Senate District.

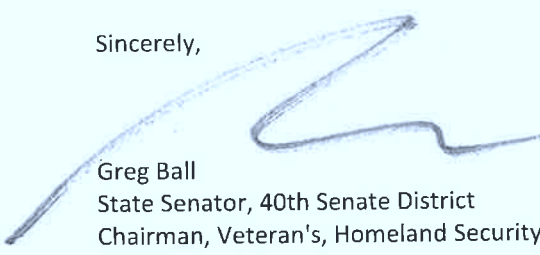
Within my district office, Daniel Branda will be coordinating the event and will reach out to you this week about collecting biographical information and a photograph of your selected woman of distinction so that together, Croton-On-Hudson and my office can make this a memorable occasion.

In April 2011, Ann Ellsworth, Executive Director of the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, was honored in a ceremony in Albany, NY, representing the 40th Senate District as one of New York's Women of Distinction. This April, one woman nominated by yourself and your colleagues throughout the 40th Senate District will also be honored in Albany, representing the 40th Senate District.

I invite you and your Village Board to join me on Friday, March 30, 2012 at 6:00PM to recognize your honoree, and all of the 40th Senate District's Women of Distinction, at a ceremony and reception.

Let's make this a memorable evening for the women who serve our communities!

Sincerely,



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State Senator, 40th Senate District
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Nomination Form

New York State Senate Women of Distinction

To ensure the accuracy and completeness of information submitted for consideration, the nominee should fill out the form below.

Personal:

Name of Nominee: Rosalind Morrissey

Name & Title of Nominating Individual: Mayor Leo Wiegman & Board of Trustees

Organization: Village of Croton on Hudson, NY

Title:

Address: 6 Cook Lane

City: Croton on Hudson, NY 10520

Telephone:

E-mail: ReMor@Verizon.net

Birth Date:

Place of Birth:

Degrees and/or Certifications: B.A. Brooklyn College; M.A. Columbia University; Study at L'Ecole Des Beaux-Arts, Fontainebleau, France

Awards or Achievements: Founded **Community Blood Program** in 1970, which held 83 blood drives in addition to emergency drives during shortage periods, collecting many thousands of donated pints and saving lives.

Personal:

Volunteer Service: Served as chair of the Community Blood Program during most of its existence; currently serve as publicity director and liaison to the Croton Harmon High School of the program. Served on Board of Trustees of Temple Israel, Croton-on-Hudson, for 10 years. Organized and escorted H.S. students to places of cultural interest (e.g. Metropolitan Opera, Met Museum and Brooklyn Museum) on non-school days. Member of Board of Trustees of the Croton Council on the Arts since 2004.

Civic, Community, or Business Accomplishments: _____

Awards & Recognition: "Woman of the Year" award – Croton Chamber of Commerce- 1977; "Dr. Samuel Kahn Humanitarian Award"- 1982; "Certificate of Appreciation" from Congress-Woman Nita M. Lowey- 1990; "Certificate of Appreciation of Contribution to Westchester County" from County Executive Andrew P. O'Rourke- 1990; "Laura Blanchfield Award" from the N.Y. Blood Center- 2002; Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame- 2009.

Past and Present Occupations: Certified to teach art in New York State High Schools. Taught in New York City Schools and in Croton-Harmon High School. Retired in 1996. A working painter, mostly of local landscapes, holding many one-woman and group exhibits throughout Westchester since 1981.