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**KENNEDY HONORS FEMALE REPUBLICAN ROLE MODELS**



(From left to right: President Ruth Ann Dilena of the Suffolk County Republican Women; Mrs. Patricia A. Ellis; Legislator Kennedy; Mrs. Claudia Tantone and Mrs. Diane C. Moje-Garcia.)

April 7, 2016 – Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) was proud to honor three prominent women at the 2016 Women of Achievement Event, hosted by the Suffolk County Republican Women at the Watermill. Patricia A. Ellis of Smithtown, Diane C. Moje-Garcia of Brookhaven and Claudia Tantone of Islip were each presented with a proclamation honoring them for their past achievements in both private enterprise and active public involvement as well as their continued involvements in their local communities.

“Each of these women has, in their own way, attained the American Dream,” Legislator Kennedy remarked in regards to Mrs. Ellis (A high-ranking and long-serving member of a major financial company), Mrs. Moje-Garcia (a successful entrepreneur and small-business owner) and Mrs. Tantone (a former Chief of Staff to State Senator Phil Boyle and an active campaign manager).

"Nevertheless," she continued, "they have never once chosen to rest on their laurels; to this day they continue to actively distinguish themselves as organizers, activists, wives and mothers." Mrs. Ellis has continued to devote her nearly five decades' worth of experience in the financial world to assisting her husband Bill, Chairman of the Smithtown Republican Committee; Mrs. Moje-Garcia organizes local fundraisers and campaigns for autism awareness, and Mrs. Tantone currently serves as the third-time campaign manager to a local assemblyman.

The Legislator concluded by reiterating her hopes that these women would serve as inspirations to young women throughout Suffolk County.

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