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POU HONORS WOMEN OF DISTINCTION FROM GLEN ROCK, HALEDON, HAWTHORNE, PATERSON, AND PROSPECT PARK

Celebration at Paterson Museum Marks Women's History Month

(PATERSON) –Assemblywoman Nellie Pou today honored seven “Women of Distinction” at her annual Women’s History Month event.

“Today, as we observe and celebrate Women’s History Month, we are tipping our hats to seven marvelous women who are leaders in very distinct ways,” said Assemblywoman Pou during the ceremony held at the Paterson Museum.

The following seven women received Assembly merit resolutions for their professional achievements and community service:

- **María Emma Anderson, Prospect Park:** Anderson’s son was born autistic and she is involved in efforts to raise awareness about autism. She works with Crossroads Community Center in Paterson, the Recycling and Clean Communities Programs in Prospect Park, and the Cub Scouts.
- **Dora Devoil, Hawthorne:** Born in Paterson in 1902, Devoil will turn 105 on June 21. She moved to Hawthorne in 1913. She was a weaver in three silk mills and still loves to read.
- **Barbara Franklin, Paterson:** Franklin is the executive director of the CREECH Community Development Center in Paterson.
- **Naomi Gamorra, Glen Rock:** Gamorra is a member of the Glen Rock Environmental Commission.

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- **Natalie Ann Martin, Haledon:** Martin is a member of the Board of Education and of the Haledon Recreation Board.
- **Suzanne Pilaar, Haledon:** Pilaar is a Rutgers University senior who is president of the Anthropology Club and founder of the Rutgers chapter of Lambda Alpha National Honor Society. She is one of 45 graduating seniors nationwide who earned a prestigious scholarship from the Gates Foundation to pursue graduate studies at the University of Cambridge in the U.K.
- **Idida Rodriguez, Paterson:** Rodriguez, a life-long Paterson resident, is president of IRODZ Associates and serves as president of the Passaic Valley Water Commission, marking the first time a Latina has held that post. She is also a commissioner on the Paterson Parking Authority.