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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE HAMPTONS

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HONORS WOMEN IN POLITICAL OFFICE
IN EAST HAMPTON AND SOUTHAMPTON TOWN GOVERNMENTS
Thursday, June 5, 12 noon, B. Smith's Restaurant, Sag Harbor**

The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons will honor 17 women in political office in East Hampton and Southampton Town governments at a special luncheon program, "Celebrating Women in Public Office," on Thursday, June 5, at 12 noon at B. Smith's Restaurant on Long Wharf in Sag Harbor.

Keynote speaker will be Judith Hope, the first woman supervisor of the Town of East Hampton, who was elected town leader in 1973 and then again in 1983 and 1985.

This was not the only "first" in her career. Ms. Hope was also the first woman to be elected a town supervisor on Long Island; the first female appointments officers to a New York governor; and the first woman to head a major political party in New York State. In 2001, she founded the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee to encourage women to run for state and local office.

The title of her talk will be "American Politics: Why More Women Are Urgently Needed!"

Honorees from the Town of East Hampton are Town Councilmembers Patricia Mansir and Julia Prince, Town Justices Catherine Cahill and Lisa R. Rana, Town Assessors Jill Massa and Jeanne Nielsen, and Town Trustees Diane McNally, Lynn Mendelman, Kayla Talmage and Stephanie Talmage.

To be honored from the Town of Southampton are Town Supervisor Linda Kabot, Town Councilmembers Nancy S. Graboski and Anna Throne-Holst, Town Justices Deborah Kooperstein and Barbara Wilson, Town Receiver of Taxes Theresa Kiernan, and Town Clerk Sundry A. Schermeyer.

Community leaders and residents are all invited to attend.

Checks for \$50 for League members and \$60 for community members should be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons and mailed to the LWVH at P.O. Box 2253, East Hampton, NY 11937.

For further information or to reserve a place, please call event chair Susan Wilson of Southampton at 283-6549.

PHOTO CAPTION:

Judith Hope of East Hampton, the first woman to serve as a town supervisor on Long Island, will keynote the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons luncheon program “Celebrating Women in Public Office” on Thursday, June 5, 12 noon, at B. Smith’s Restaurant in Sag Harbor.

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