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**PEG ROBERTS VOLUNTEER SERVICE
LUNCHEON
MAY 16, 2026**

WHAT IS THE PEG ROBERTS AWARD?



The Camden County Chapter of the NJFDW established the Peg Roberts Volunteer Service Award in 1983. The award was presented to Camden County women only, from 1983 to 1999.

The award was named for Peg Roberts, a dedicated volunteer who gave time and effort to help get democrats elected to public office.

In 2005, the NJFDW reestablished the award and began presenting it on a statewide level.



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**PEG ROBERTS
VOLUNTEER SERVICE
AWARD**

Alison V Bryant

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**LORETTA WEINBERG
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Crystal Feliciano
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Zoila Cassanova
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Jeannine LaRue



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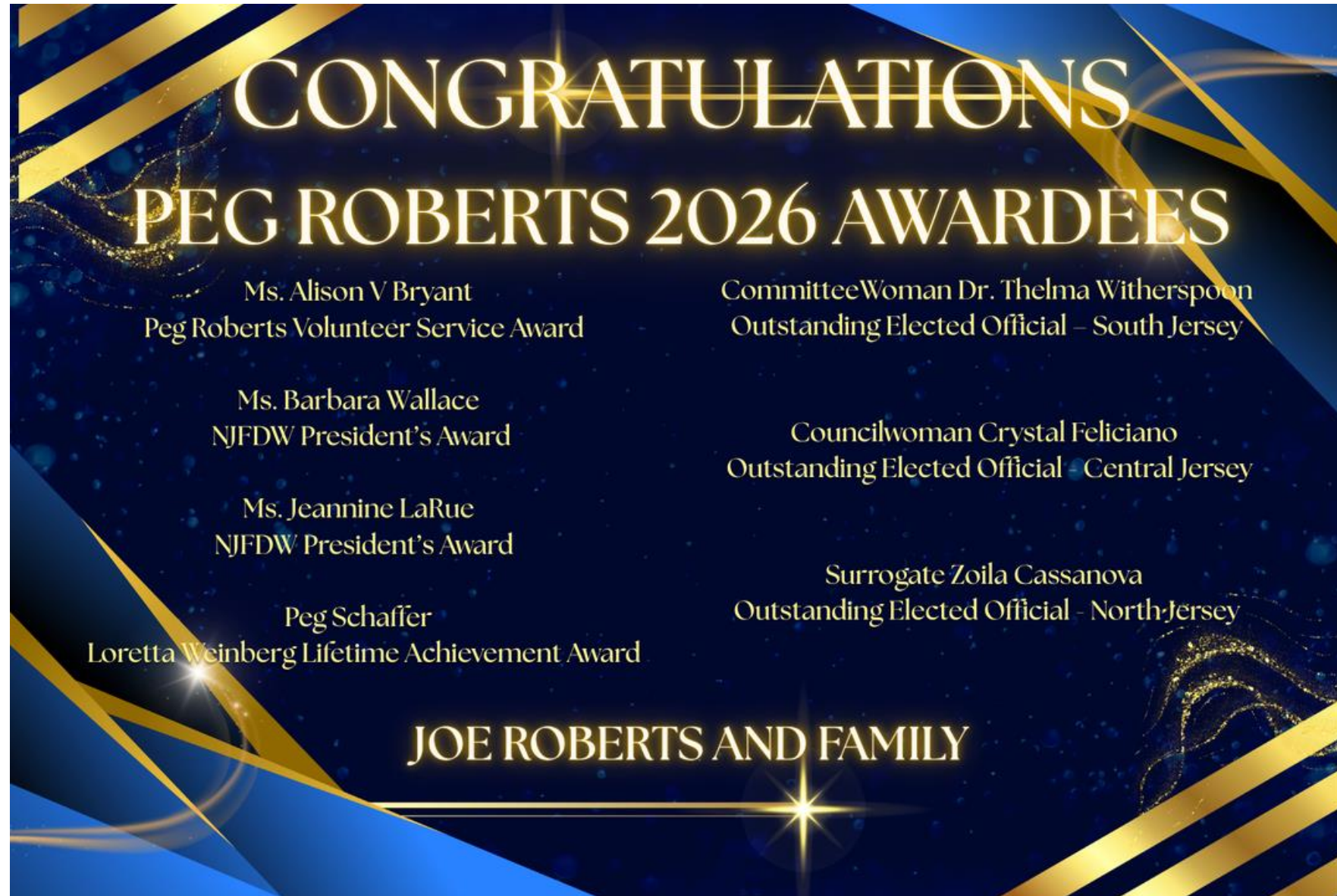
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**Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts
and Family**

Dear Members of the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for honoring my late mother, Peg Roberts, by recognizing a group of outstanding women in her name. This tribute is deeply meaningful to our family. Each of the recipients is so deserving and several of them helped shape my career in the NJ Legislature.

My mother believed strongly in public service, civic engagement, and the importance of lifting others up—especially women striving to make a difference in their communities. It would have meant a great deal to her to know that her legacy is being connected to the achievements and leadership of others.

We are truly touched that you have chosen to celebrate her memory in such a thoughtful and impactful way. Thank you for keeping her spirit alive through your work and through the recognition of these deserving honorees.

With appreciation,
Joe Roberts

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Best wishes to Alison V Bryant, Crystal Feliciano, Barbara A Wallace, Dr Thelma Witherspoon, Jeannine LaRue, Peg Shaffer, and Zoila Cassanova
at the Peg Roberts Volunteer Service Awards Luncheon

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NJ Senate Majority Leader

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Congratulations to the distinguished recipients of the
2026 Peg Roberts Awards Ceremony!

Thank you to NJFDW for continuing their annual Luncheon and uplifting and honoring women who are shaping the future of our state and our communities.

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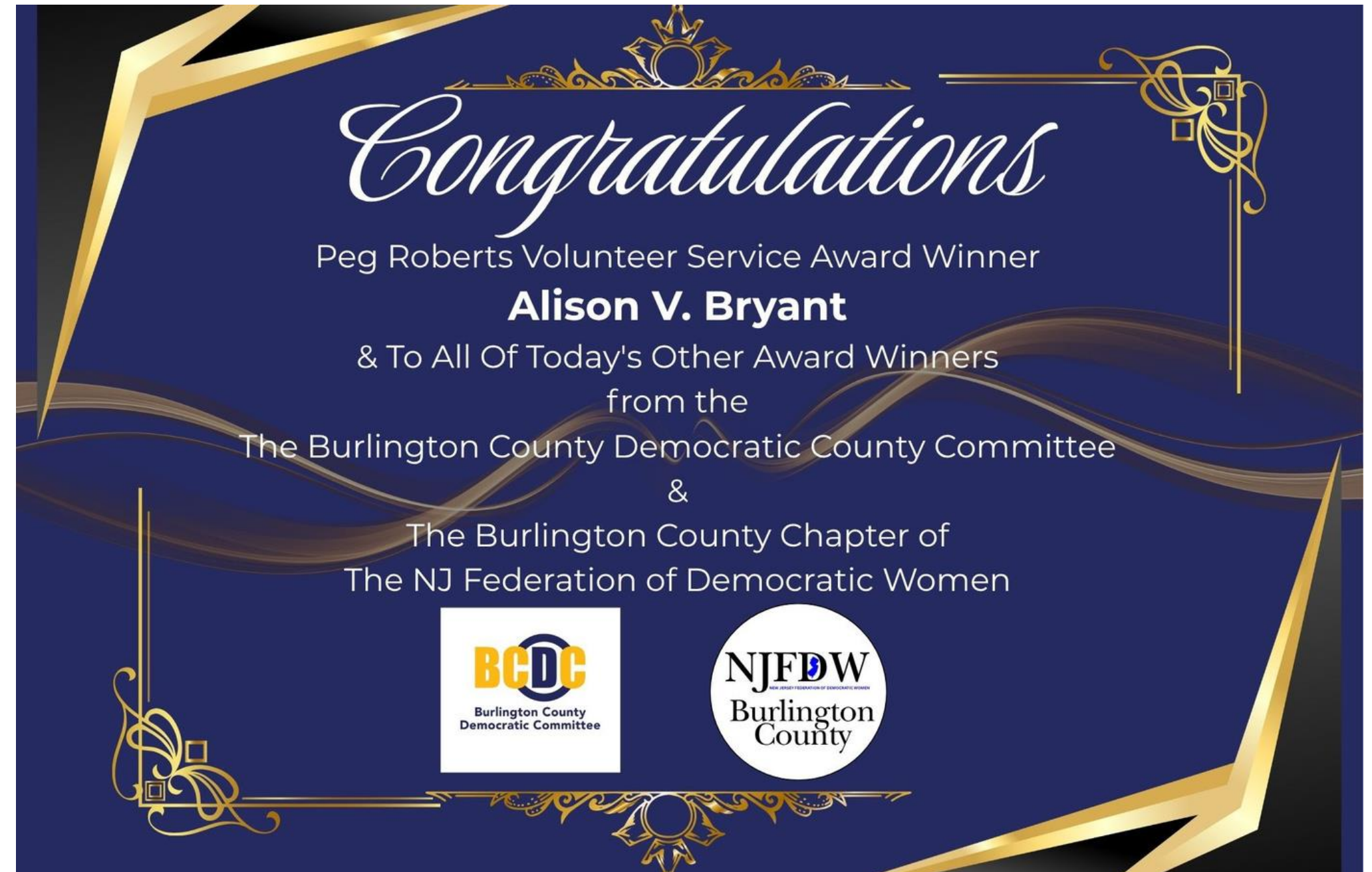


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&

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to all the Award Honorees

Pat Ceasar, Strategic Communications Dir., NJFDW



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**Bessie Walker,
President**

*Congratulations
to our Alison V. Bryant,
Community Organizer MPA,
Volunteer Service Award
& to all the
Peg Roberts Award Honorees.*

Bessie Walker Chapter President

NJFDW Essex
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CONGRATULATE
ALL HER FELLOW AWARDEES AT THE
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OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
PEG ROBERTS VOLUNTEER
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Chairman Mike Suleiman

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 16 IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW JERSEY FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S 2026 HONOREES:

Ms. Alison V Bryant – Peg Roberts Volunteer Service Award
Chairwoman Peg Schaffer – Loretta Weinberg Lifetime Achievement Award
Surrogate Zoila Cassanova – Outstanding Elected Official – North Jersey
Councilwoman Crystal Feliciano – Outstanding Elected Official – Central Jersey
Committee Woman Dr. Thelma Witherspoon – Outstanding Elected Official – South Jersey
Ms. Jeannine LaRue – NJFDW President's Award
Ms. Barbara Wallace – NJFDW President's Award

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The 2026 NJFDW Peg Roberts Award Recipients

Alison Bryant, Essex County Chapter
Peg Roberts Volunteer Service Award

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North Jersey

Crystal Feliciano
Central Jersey

Dr. Thelma Witherspoon
South Jersey

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Congratulations

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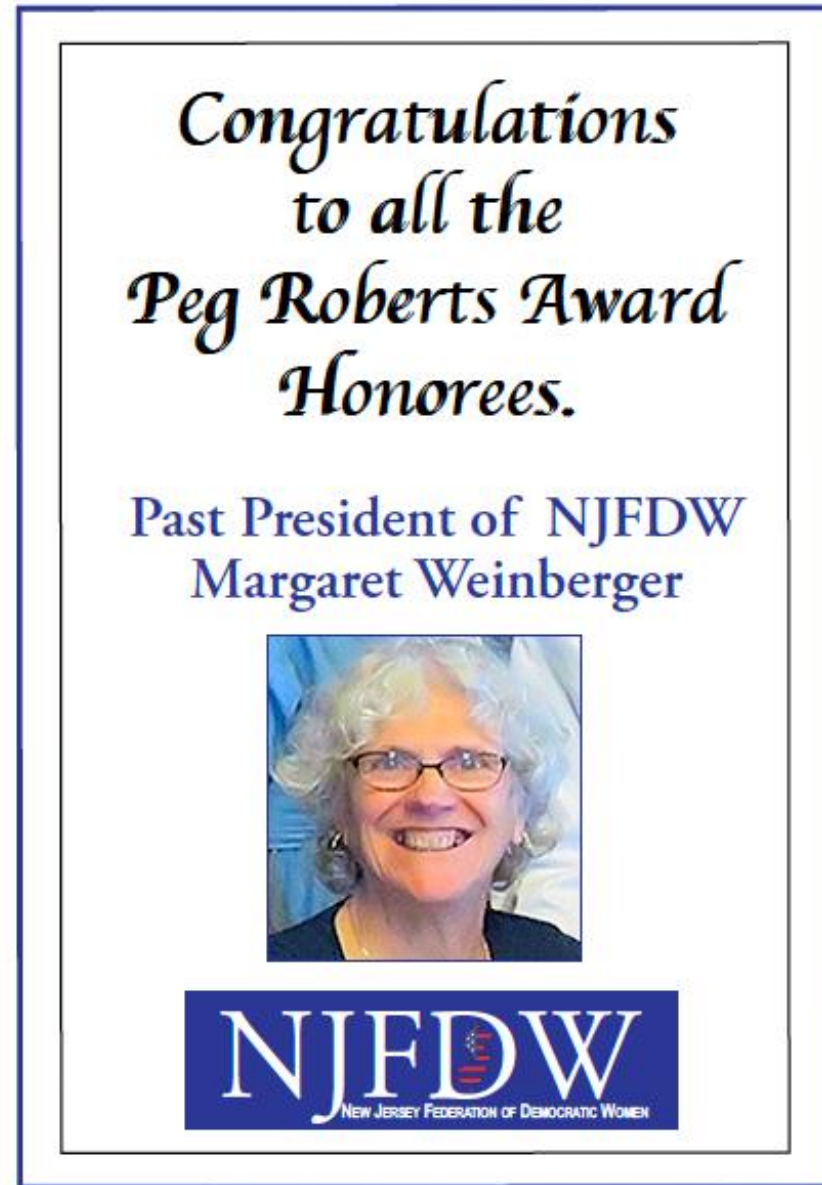
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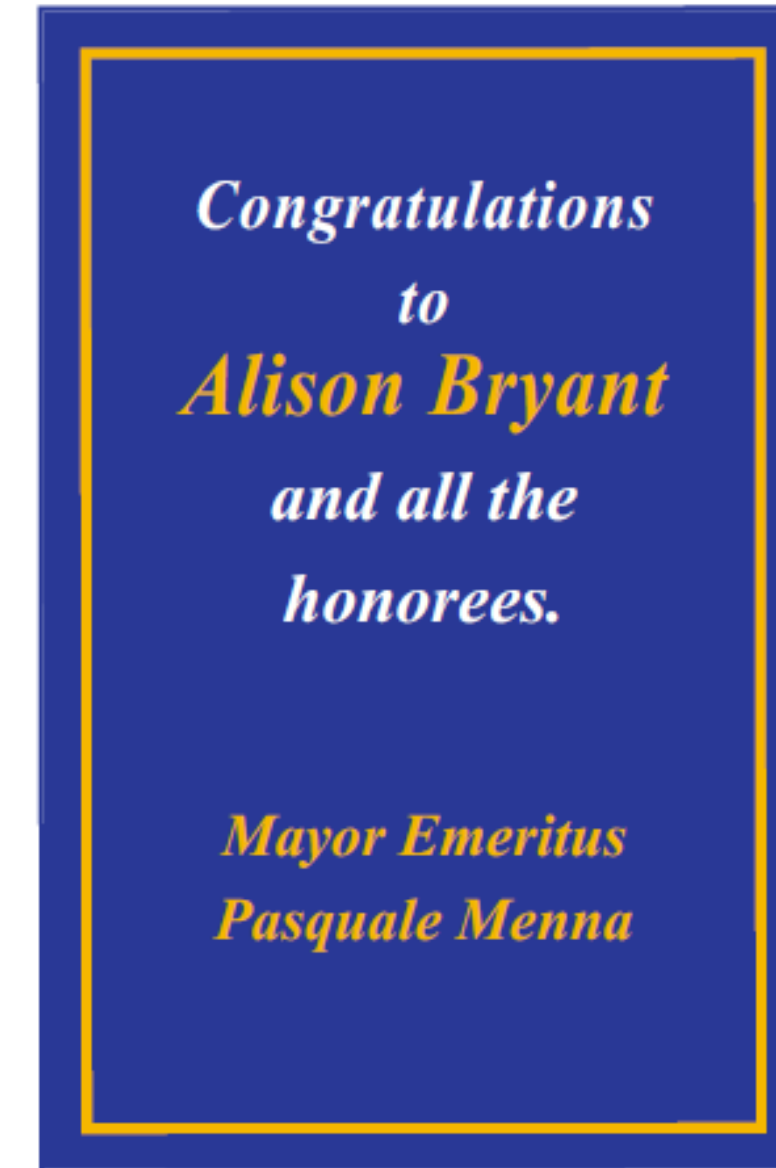
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Peg has spent her life opening doors for women – and holding them wide so the next generation could walk through with confidence.

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Margaret Weinberger
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ABOUT THE NJFDW

The New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women is dedicated to empowering, supporting, and electing Democratic women.

As the state chapter of the National Federation of Democratic Women—officially recognized by the Democratic National Committee—NJFDW engages in advocacy, education, and action to amplify women’s voices at all levels of government.



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