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## **Supervisor Pat Bates Honored as “Woman of the Year”**

*State Assembly recognizes Supervisor Bates for her contributions to the 73<sup>rd</sup>  
District*

SANTA ANA – Supervisor Patricia C. Bates, Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, was recognized Monday by Assemblywoman Diane Harkey as the 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District’s 2009 “Woman of the Year”. She was honored on Monday, March 16 during a special televised ceremony on the floor of the California State Assembly in Sacramento.

“It is an honor to award Supervisor Bates as our Woman of the Year,” said Assemblywoman Harkey. “Her dedication to serving her community is a living testimony of genuine public service.”

Throughout her 20 years in public office, Supervisor Bates has always represented all or a portion of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District. Known to many in South Orange County as the “Mother of Laguna Niguel,” Bates was the driving force behind Laguna Niguel’s campaign for cityhood and became its first Mayor upon the City’s incorporation in 1989. She served four terms as Mayor and then continued serving as a City Council Member until her election to the State Assembly in 1998. After completing three successful terms as Assemblywoman for California’s 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District, in 2006 Bates became the fourth woman ever elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors. In January of this year, she was elected by her colleagues to serve as Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

“I am honored to be recognized for my service to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District. It has been such a privilege over many years to work on behalf of my beloved constituents,” said Supervisor Bates.

The Woman of the Year Award is sponsored by the Women's Caucus of the California State Legislature. While serving in the Legislature, Bates was the founding Chair of the Republican Women’s Caucus and led its outreach program to inspire women across California to become more involved in the development of public policy.

This year marks the twenty-third annual ceremony during Women's History Month. The “Woman of the Year” award is presented by each legislative district in the State of California to pay tribute to the accomplishments of women.

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