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Academy Hosts Exhibit
Saluting DOC Suffragist

New York Correction's own suffragist leader, Katharine Bement Davis, is among more than three dozen Women of Distinction being honored by a NY State Senate historical exhibit traveling the state. The New York Correction History Society (NYCHS) has arranged for its NYC debut at the Correction Academy, March 27-30, the last week of Women's History Month.

Miss Davis, who served as the first superintendent of Bedford Hills reformatory from 1900 before becoming the first woman to head any major NYC agency, DOC, in 1914, was one of three names added March 14th to the State Senate Women of Distinction list, bringing the number to 39.

DOC Commissioner and NYCHS board chair Bernard B. Kerik said, “The tribute to this extraordinary individual also serves to extend well deserved recognition to the many thousands of correction professionals who serve.”

The other two added were Lucille Ball, the Jamestown-born entertainer, and Barbara McClintock, Long Island scientist who won the Nobel prize in physiology at age 81.

The Katharine Bement Davis display panel write-up was based to a large extent, on her biography by DOC director of historical services and NYCHS general secretary Thomas McCarthy. He also provided photos for the Davis display board.

More about the exhibit and a downloadable copy of the book can be accessed on the NYCHS web site at: www.correctionhistory.org