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Joanne Masten Recognized as a Woman of Excellence

Kent County, Del. – In a surprise move at the Kent County Levy Court meeting on Tuesday night, Levy Court President Joanne Masten was honored as a Woman of Excellence by the National Foundation of Woman Legislators (NFWL). This prestigious award is bestowed upon women across the United States who are nominated by NFWL members, with a select few chosen by an elite executive board of legislators and elected officials nationwide.

Councilwomen Tabitha Gott and Dr. Corrine Upshur presented the esteemed award to President Masten, citing her strength in leadership and the respect she has earned from constituents and legislators. They also highlighted her dedication to providing education, guidance, and assistance to individuals, ensuring they feel confident in her commitment to meeting their needs.

President Masten was further recognized for her steadfast work as a team player, gathering facts and sharing her research and knowledge to ensure well-founded decisions for Kent County constituents.

The room erupted in applause as President Joanne Masten accepted her award with gratitude and humility. In her acceptance speech, she emphasized the importance of collaboration, dedication, and unwavering commitment to serving the community. She thanked her colleagues, constituents, and the NFWL for their support and recognition.

This honor stands as a testament to President Masten's hard work and passion for public service, inspiring others to follow in her footsteps and strive for excellence in their own communities. As the night concluded, it was clear that her impact would be felt for many years to come, leaving a lasting legacy of strong leadership and dedication to Kent County.

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Pictured from left: County Administrator Kevin Sipple, Commissioner Jeff Hall, Commissioner Terry Pepper, Commissioner Jody Sweeney, Commissioner Paul Hertz, Smyrna Councilwoman Tabitha Gott, Jim Masten, Levy Court President Joanne Masten, Levy Court Vice President Robert Scott, Smyrna Councilwoman Dr. Corrine Upshur, Vice President, Sales, Diamond Technologies Jason Balance, Commissioner Allan Angel.