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## **Menard Receives Distinguished Ovarian Cancer Awareness Award**

BOSTON – The M. Patricia Cronin Foundation to Fight Ovarian Cancer recently honored State Senator Joan M. Menard (D-Fall River) as its 2007 recipient of the “Pats Friend Award” for her leadership and dedication in the fight for the awareness and prevention of Ovarian Cancer.

"This award is an honor unlike any I have ever received" said Senator Menard, surrounded by family and friends. "It is my hope that I may carry myself with a fraction of the grace, strength and dignity Pat demonstrated throughout her life."

Senate President Therese Murray (D-Plymouth) presented Senator Menard with the 2007 Pats Friends Award.

"This award is given to someone who is a leader in the fight against cancer and a true friend to people with this disease," Senate President Murray said. "She has been, without a doubt, an important voice for women's issues on Beacon Hill."

The M. Patricia Cronin Foundation to Fight Ovarian Cancer was founded after Pat Cronin lost her courageous battle with Ovarian Cancer in August 2000. Her memory and commitment to women with Ovarian Cancer live on through her foundation and website, [www.patsfriends.org](http://www.patsfriends.org).