

Willowbrook worker cited

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ALBANY — A Port Richmond woman employed at the Willowbrook Developmental Center was among 40 Department of Mental Hygiene workers from around the state honored here yesterday for outstanding service.

Mrs. Charlotte Zinicola, a team leader who has worked at Willowbrook for 25 years, received a framed citation from Mental Hygiene Commissioner Lawrence C. Kolb at a luncheon ceremony and was later greeted at the Capitol by Gov. Carey.

Carey told the 40 employes — who were selected for the honor by their fellow workers at developmental and psychiatric centers around the state — that they set "an outstanding example" for other employes of the sprawling agency.

Praising the 40 for their service and dedication to the care of the retarded and mentally ill, the governor said all levels of state government should work together "to make our Department of Mental Hygiene the best one in the world."

Mrs. Zinicola, who lives at

83 Lexington Ave., expressed her gratitude for other employes at Willowbrook who selected her to receive the citation and added she believes all of the workers at the institution are dedicated.

"There are so many good

people at Willowbrook and everyone should know about it," she said.

Mrs. Zinicola was accompanied to Albany by Mrs. Marion O'Keefe of Westerleigh, a supervising nurse at Willowbrook.