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Very Special Place honors BP Molinari

■ Not-for-profit agency cites efforts made on behalf of the disabled

ADVANCE STAFF REPORT

A Very Special Place presented its 1997 Very Special Person award to Borough President Guy V. Molinari at its annual Pioneer Luncheon, held yesterday in the Excelsior Grand, New Dorp.

The award was given in recognition of Molinari's "continuous commitment to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities throughout his career as an elected official and as a recognized leader in the community," said Dan Wheeler, chairman of the luncheon.

The board of directors created the honor to recognize an individual who has made a unique contribution to benefit New Yorkers with developmental disabilities and who displays the ideals upon which the organization rests: in-



Borough President Guy V. Molinari

tegrity, responsibility and service.

Established in 1974 and based in Dongan Hills, the not-for-profit A Very Special Place provides programs and services to more than 900 Staten Islanders with developmental disabilities and their families.