

I extend my deepest congratulations to Michelle Claymore for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO FORT HILL HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Todd Appel and the Fort Hill High School football team of Cumberland, Maryland, who won the Maryland Class 1A State football championship on Saturday, December 7th.

With a 25–0 victory over Douglass High School, the Fort Hill Sentinels capped off a perfect 14–0 season. This is Fort Hill's third state football championship in their school's history and the first since 1997. Throughout the 2013 regular season and playoffs, the Sentinels dominated their opponents. In the playoffs, competing against the best teams in the state, the Sentinels outscored their opponents by an impressive 162–13 margin.

In his sixth year as head coach, Coach Appel has compiled a 66–11 record. Throughout this success, Coach Appel has proven to be not just a great coach, but a trusted mentor to many young adults in Allegany County. Thanks to his leadership, Fort Hill student-athletes have excelled both on the field and in the classroom. I wish the Fort Hill Sentinels the best of luck next season as they defend their title.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring this significant accomplishment.

HONORING RONALD SOBEL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Ronald Sobel, Area Director for Area I, is retiring from the Social Security Administration (SSA) after more than forty-two years of helping people.

Ron began his career in August 1971 as a claims representative in the East New York, Brooklyn field office and in 1974 was promoted to operations supervisor in another Brooklyn office, later transferring to the North Bronx.

Over the years, Ron was promoted to positions of increasing responsibility, including operations officer in Jackson Heights, Queens, labor relations specialist in the Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Budget, and Assistant District Manager in the White Plains and East Bronx, Field offices.

In 1993, Ron was named District Manager of the South Bronx Field Office and in 2009 he was promoted to his current position of Area Director for Area I.

Ron was an active member of the New York Region Management Society for thirty-seven years, serving as its President for four years. Throughout his career, Ron has received numerous awards, including a Regional Commissioner's Citation team award in 2007, individual and team Commissioner's Citations in 2007 and 2001, and a Deputy Commissioner's Citation team award in 2004.

Ron's retirement plans include enjoying time with his family, including a new granddaughter, and friends. He and his wife Susan will explore New York City, vacation in Florida, visit Europe, and travel to wherever the road leads them.

I want to thank Ron for his many years of service to the people of New York City in one of our vital governmental agencies. The help he brought to them will live on for years.