

the Social Security Administration is retiring after 35 years of service to the people on the New York area.

Susan began her career in November 1977 as a claims representative trainee in the Hunts Point Field Office and in 1982, she was promoted to operations supervisor in the East Bronx Field Office. In 1988, she participated in the New York Region Staff Development Program as a field services specialist in the New York Regional Office.

Over the years, Susan held positions of increasing responsibility, including social insurance program analyst in the New York Office of the Regional Commissioner and Assistant District manager in the Yonkers Field Office. In September 2002, she received a temporary promotion to District Manager of the White Plains office and, in June 2003, she was named District Manager of the Yonkers Field office.

Throughout her career, Susan received numerous awards, including a Commissioner's Citation team award in 2001 and Deputy Commissioner's Citations in 2004 and 2005.

She was noted for her attention to detail and her dedication to the Social Security Administration and its mission. I worked with her on several occasions and was impressed by her ability and her attention to detail. I want to personally thank her for her years of dedicated service.

Susan and her husband Ron, who is also retiring from the SSA, plan to spend time celebrating family and friendships, travelling and exploring. I wish them the very best in their retirement years.

VERMILION CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOL CAPTURES STATE 1A
CROWN

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Vermilion Catholic High School Screamin' Eagles of Abbeville for recently winning Louisiana's Class 1A state championship over the Saint Frederick Catholic High School Warriors on December 14, 2013, in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. With a convincing 63-18 win, there was no doubt which team deserved to be crowned state champions.

The Vermilion Screamin' Eagles team capped off its perfect 10-0 season with an offensive display that kept fans on the edge of their seats. After trailing 3-0 early in the game, the Screamin' Eagles answered by scoring 42 of the next 49 points. It was too much for Saint Frederick to overcome as Vermilion continued its scoring barrage on offense and special teams while its defense refused to give the Warriors an opening. Vermilion used a balanced attack as it passed for 269 yards while rushing for another 216 yards. Recording 16 first downs was key to establishing a new Class 1A championship record for most points in a game.

Congratulations to Coach Russell Kuhns and his team as this state championship

comes on the ten year anniversary of the Class 1A crown Vermilion won in 2003.

I look forward to next year's football season and wish the Screamin' Eagles team good luck in defending its crown.

ANN DEMERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ann Demers for her outstanding service to our community.

As a Special Needs teacher in Jefferson County Ann always gave above and beyond. Eventually becoming a school psychologist, she led training for the Second Step Curriculum and was a member of the Crisis Response Team during the Columbine High School tragedy. Ann is involved in her neighborhood, church, and family, organizing community events and service activities. She created a church community service group known as the Red Tent Ladies, and once she started on the Ralston House Board they saw exponential growth. Her spirit and dedication are truly inspiring.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ann Demers 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.

HONORING AUDREY SMITH-
JOHNSON

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Audrey Smith-Johnson was born in Yonkers and attended Yonkers Public Schools, and graduated from Tefft Business School. As a high school student, she volunteered at the Yonkers YWCA and was a Candy Stripper at St Joseph Hospital. But it was while working various positions at a temp agency that she found her passion in real estate. She received her Real Estate Certificate and has been working in that field for 28 years.

But she has another calling, and that is as a member of her community. In July, 2005, she joined Community Sunset Temple #1132, Daughters of Elks, IBPOE Elks of the World. She was promptly elected as Doorkeeper and in 2006 she was elected as the Treasurer. There she has embraced in all facets of Elksdom. Some of the positions she holds are: Assistant Vice Loyal Daughter of Unity Past Daughter Rulers Council (Westchester & Rockland), she is a member of the New York State Daughters of Elks—Royal Court Department, Treasurer/Financial Secretary of the Past State President Circle of Westchester, Rockland and Sullivan Counties. This year she is the Chairperson of the Mid-Winter Conference for The New York State IBPOE of W.

She also belongs to the Yonkers African-American Heritage Committee, a not-for-profit community based organization that partners with several other such organizations, such as: Sister To Sister, YMCA, YWCA and The Yonkers Public Library. Mrs. Johnson joined the YAAHC in 2005, and was named Financial Secretary, a job she has kept, along with several appointed positions such as: Chairperson-Nominating Committee, Joint-Chair-Scholarship Committee and Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

In May 2009, Senior Center #9, located at Terrace City Lodge #1499 appointed her Communication/Publicity Director.

She and her husband, John (Worshipful Master of James H. Farrell #34, PH) have been married for 31 years. They have two children, Mrs. LaTasha Pagan and John, Jr., and a granddaughter Karissma. She is also a mother and grandmother to her extended family—Ms. Capricia McClellan and her children and her grandchildren.

I am proud to join the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation in honoring Audrey Smith-Johnson as Woman of the Year for her many contributions to her community.

HONORING THE MARIA
KONOPNICKA POLISH LANGUAGE
SCHOOL OF CHICAGO AND OAK
LAWN, ILLINOIS ON ITS 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School in Chicago and Oak Lawn, Illinois. This year the school will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Chicagoland is home to the largest population of people of Polish descent living outside of Poland. The Polish Language School, named for the great Polish poet, novelist, and activist, Maria Konopnicka, serves this population by offering kindergarten through high school students the opportunity to connect with and explore their Polish heritage. For forty years the school has excelled in teaching its students Polish language, history, and culture. Thousands of children have learned about Polish cultural heritage as well as the role Poles play in the United States and the world community, now and in the future. With its emphasis on civic responsibility, the school shapes students dedicated to supporting and improving Chicago's communities, and I am proud to have it in my district.

While the school stresses the importance of its students, the community surrounding the school appreciates the hard work and dedication of all the staff at the Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School. Parents and students understand the school's success is thanks to the unceasing devotion of teachers and administrative staff who work relentlessly for the benefit of the students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding faculties and students, both past and present, at the Maria