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In Celebration Of Women's History Month

Paul Honors Local Women For Outstanding Achievements

**Bangs, Ehrenberg, Fields & Hillsman
'Exemplify The Very Best Of Rockland'**

New City, NY (March 11, 2016) – Rockland County Legislator Aney Paul has honored four local women who have helped better our community through their professional work and volunteerism.

“These women exemplify the very best of Rockland – hard work, dedication and devotion to always making our county a better place,” Paul said. “We recognize, honor and thank each of them for their contributions.”

Paul presented Achievement Awards to **Roberta Bangs** of Nanuet, **Donna Ehrenberg** of New City, **Jean E. Fields** of Pomona and **Doria E. Hillsman** of Nanuet as part of Women's History Month, which is celebrated during March.

Meet the honorees:

Roberta Bangs is President of the Nanuet Civic Association and Past President of Cornell Cooperative Extension. During her six years as President of the Hi Tor Animal Shelter, where she still volunteers, the facility became a no-kill shelter.

Bangs has long served on various county and Clarkstown task forces and committees. She is an Associate Real Estate Broker in the New City office of Better Homes and Gardens Rand Realty, with 30-plus years of real estate experience.

She and her husband Jon are parents of grown sons.

Donna Ehrenberg is Past Vice President of the Clarkstown School Board and Past President of the Clarkstown Special Education PTA. She currently serves on several boards, including the Rockland County TRIPS Board, and is the Special Ed/Education Chair for the Central Hudson Region PTA.

Ehrenberg has 20 years' experience in administrative and supervisory positions in business and education and currently works as Director of Independent Living Services for the Rockland Independent Living Center. She has also worked as a teacher for the YAI/Rockland County Association for the Learning Disabled and earlier spent a decade with Merrill Lynch as an operations manager and paralegal, among other roles.

She and her husband Jules are parents of four children.

Jean E. Fields worked as a social studies teacher in New York City for more than a decade before accepting a teaching post in the East Ramapo School District. She became Assistant Principal of Pupil Services at Ramapo High School, where in 2005, she became Principal, serving until her retirement in 2013

Fields participates in many community service activities, including those through her church. She also sits on several boards, including the African Latino Heritage Twinning Committee, and is Co-Chair of the NAACP Spring Valley Chapter Education Committee.

Fields and her husband Eugene have four sons and two grandchildren.

Doria E. Hillsman is a chemistry teacher at Spring Valley High School and an adjunct chemistry professor at Rockland Community College and Dominican College. She is currently working through a NASA U.S. Satellite Laboratory Fellowship to earn a certificate in STEM Education from Columbia Teachers College.

Hillsman has been an executive board member of the Arts Council of Rockland for six years and is herself a violinist and actor who has performed in community theater productions. She is Communications Chair of the Nyack NAACP, volunteers with the Rockland County Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and is active with Christ Centered Ministries in Congers.

She is the mother of two adult sons and grandmother of infant twins.

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