

State Rep. Bobby Outten Will Not Seek Return to Office

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State Rep. Bobby Outten, R-Harrington, announced today that he will not seek another term on office.

First elected in 2004 as a member of the 143rd General Assembly, Bobby Outten replaced the late State Rep. George Robert "Bobby" Quillen, who served the southwest Kent County district for nearly three decades in non-consecutive terms.

Rep. Outten also became a fixture in the 30th Representative and will close out his legislative tenure with seven complete two-year terms.

"It has been a privilege representing my constituents, but now I think it is time to enjoy retirement," said Rep. Outten, who will celebrate his 70th birthday the month before Election Day.

Rep. Outten presently serves on the House Agriculture; Corrections; Judiciary; Public Safety & Homeland Security; and Veterans Affairs committees. Known for his low-key demeanor and jovial manner, he has nonetheless been a leading advocate in the legislature for farmers and a defender of Delawareans' constitutional rights.

A lifetime member of the Harrington Volunteer Fire Company, Rep. Outten has also been a tireless supporter of Delaware's volunteer firefighters. "These are men and women who often reach into their own pockets to risk their lives protecting our communities," he said. "I have always felt Delaware owes them debt."

A member of the Delaware State Fair board of directors, Rep. Outten said he plans to remain active in that organization.

Rep. Outten is married to his wife, Lynn Dean Outten. The couple has one son and two grandchildren.