

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BERNARD BOUSCHER, UPPER
PENINSULA PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bernard Bouschor, who has been named the Michigan Upper Peninsula's Person of the Year by the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Michigan, I commend Mr. Bouschor on this achievement.

Mr. Bouschor is chairman and executive director of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a position he has held since 1987. The role of the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress is to promote economic and human development, and Bernard Bouschor has been instrumental in this role.

In the last 4 years alone, Sault Chippewa tribal business revenue has grown from \$32 million to \$228 million a year. Additionally, the number of employees has grown from 400 to more than 2,700, making the Sault Chippewa the Upper Peninsula's largest employer. This is from a tribe that was not even federally recognized until 1975.

Much of this success can be attributed to Bernard Bouschor's tenacity, perseverance, and hard work. Mr. Bouschor grew up in Sault Ste. Marie as one of nine children in a home without running water. Despite missing 2 years of school after contracting polio as a teenager, Mr. Bouschor was the only one of his siblings to attend college. It was from this experience that he learned the importance of self reliance, a lesson he now carries to his leadership of the tribe.

While many native American tribes that have casino gambling make cash payments to tribal members, Mr. Bouschor refuses to do this. Instead, profits are invested in a variety of business ventures that will support the tribe if there is ever a decline in casino gambling revenue. These investments include two auto parts plants, a neon factory, and various real estate purchases.

To achieve this diversity of business ventures, Bouschor created an independent commission composed of tribal members and outside business people to locate potential investments. In this way, the tribe was able to draw on business expertise from outside the local area.

Mr. Speaker, with Bernard Bouschor's leadership, the sky's the limit for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Again, I congratulate Mr. Bouschor on being named the Michigan Upper Peninsula's Person of the Year.

ANNA CERVENAK HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman from my district in Pennsylvania, Ms. Anna Cervenak. On December 7, the Exploring Division of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America will bestow its highest honor upon Anna at its annual luncheon. I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring Anna's many accomplishments to the attention of my colleagues.

Anna Cervenak is an exemplary role model for young women who aspire to leadership in both the business and service communities. A native of Forty Fort, PA, and a graduate of its high school, Anna joined Bell Telephone as an operator soon after graduation. Working her way up through the ranks at Bell, Anna was an employment representative, full time speaker, and an engineering tracer. Since 1984, Anna has been external affairs director for Bell Atlantic, Pennsylvania. She received her bachelor's degree from College Misericordia in 1986 and her master's degree in 1990 from Marywood College.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Cervenak has provided valuable leadership to a wide variety of civic organizations. She is past president of the Quota Club of Wilkes-Barre and she currently serves on the boards of the Domestic Violence Center, Victims Resource Center, Junior Achievement, American Cancer Society, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, and Hospice St. John. She serves on the Luzerne County Business Incubator Advisory Board and the United Way. Anna is the immediate past president of the board of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She has just completed a 6-year term on the board of the Luzerne County Commission for Women.

She also currently serves on the board of the President's Council at King's College and the Luzerne County Community College Foundation Board. She holds a seat on the Lourdesmout Board of Directors and the Lacawac Sanctuary Board of Trustees. She was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of the Wilkes-Barre Penn State Campus. Anna has also just begun a term on the Land Use Planning Board of the Earth Conservancy.

This year, I witnessed first hand Anna's drive and determination as we worked together to save thousands of jobs at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. Anna cochaired the Blue Ribbon Task Force which was the organizational core of the successful effort to save the depot from closure.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Cervenak has been honored in the past for her dedication to her community. In 1991, Anna received the "Athena Award" as Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce's "Woman of the Year." In 1994, she was awarded the "Pathfinders Award" at the

Wyoming Valley Women's Conference. In January 1995 she was named "Woman of the Year" by the Wyoming Valley Women's Club.

Although Anna's community service is well known and widely appreciated in Northeastern Pennsylvania, it is her warm, caring personality and affable demeanor that endears her to us. No matter how demanding her schedule, as she rushes from meeting to meeting, Anna takes time to form friendships with those around her. She is known for her generosity and concern for those in need. I am extremely proud to have this chance to join with the Exploring Division of the Boy Scouts in paying tribute to this extraordinary community leader.

WORDS OF CONGRATULATION ON ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the following letter be inserted in its entirety into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The writer of the letter is a constituent of mine, Thomas D. Larson. Tom served President Bush as a very creative and dynamic Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. Prior to that he was Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and for many years he was a Prof. of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University.

Given his breadth of experience, I believe Tom's words of congratulation to my friend, neighbor, and colleague, Transportation Committee Chairman BUD SHUSTER, have special merit and are aptly deserved. And in closing, I want to join with Tom to signal my profound appreciation for the hard work and capable leadership of BUD SHUSTER. He has done, and continues to do, a masterful job.

LEMONT, PA,
November 20, 1995.

Hon. BUD SHUSTER,
*Chairman, House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure, Rayburn House Office
Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Congratulations! Yet again, you have moved America forward in transportation by putting the NHS on the President's desk.

Your call reporting the House action was typical of your thoughtfulness and I am deeply appreciative. My role in NHS has been minimal—other than as remote supporter. Your role has been pivotal since day one. You deserve warm accolades from virtually every sector of American society. Transportation is, without doubt, a key thread in the fabric of that society.

In his message to the 9th Congress, President Jefferson captured the essence of what you have done for America. He said, "By these [public works and transportation improvements] new channels of communications will be opened between the states, the lines of separation will disappear, their interests will be identified, and their union cemented by new and indissoluble ties." He

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went on to say roads and canals would knit the union together, facilitate defense, furnish avenues of trade, break down local prejudices, and consolidate that union of sentiment so essential to the national policy.

Clearly, Mr. Chairman, for leadership in "consolidating that union of sentiment" essential to achieving the NHS, Mr. Jefferson would salute you. I certainly do!

With warm thanks,

TOM LARSON.

TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE LT.
RODNEY M. LEONE

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Mr. MARTINI, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Detective Lt. Rodney M. Leone, of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, who is retiring from the sheriff's department on December 31, 1995, after a distinguished career of 25 years.

Allow me to share with the House some of his accomplishments: Detective/Lieutenant Leone has been the recipient of three medals of valor, ten certificates of merit, he was elected as the fourth vice president of the New Jersey State PBA, and he was a past president of the New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association.

Detective/Lieutenant Leone is also a member of the New Jersey Police Honor Legion, the New York City Police Honor Legion, the New York City Transit Honor Legion, and he serves as the executive director of the New Jersey State PBA Physician's Association.

His accomplishments and honors aside, I believe the highlight of his career is the over 1,000 criminal arrests that he has made. His diligence and his success has made the streets of Passaic County safer for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I know you will join me in wishing Detective/Lieutenant Rodney M. Leone a happy retirement and the best of luck in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JANET CERCONE
SCULLION

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman from the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania who has made a number of significant contributions to her community in Pittsburgh. Her name is Janet Cercone Scullion. I have known Janet and her family for many years.

Janet is a well-known member of this community. She has lived in Bloomfield all of her life. Her parents, Dan and Mary Cercone, were community leaders, and her father's barber shop was a local landmark for over 60 years. Over the last 35 years, she has helped many of the neediest members of our community through her work as a music therapist and as a nurse at the V.A. Medical Center, St. Francis Medical Center, and Shadyside Hospital. I would like to point out that she worked at these jobs—and attended college and grad

school—while raising eight children. She has prepared and presented research on neurological disorders, and she has taught others how to care for patients with diseases like Huntington's disease and multiple sclerosis. If that weren't enough, she has been actively involved in community affairs in Bloomfield.

Janet has done more to improve community life in Bloomfield than anyone else. She has served as president of the Bloomfield Citizens Council. She founded the Spirit of Bloomfield magazine. She helped WTAE-Channel 4 with its documentary on Bloomfield, and she founded the Bloomfield Heritage and Preservation Society. Through these and other activities too numerous to mention, Janet has worked tirelessly to promote community spirit and strengthen the bonds between members of this community.

On Saturday, December 9, members of the Bloomfield community and many others will celebrate Janet's accomplishments by presenting her with the first annual Bloomfield Citizen of the Year Award at the Jene-Mager VFW Post 278. I am pleased and honored to note that I will be the toastmaster at this dinner.

Mr. Speaker, what this country needs is more people like Janet Cercone Scullion—people who selflessly dedicate themselves to helping their neighbors and serving their communities. She deserves the thanks of the entire Bloomfield community, and I want to commend her here today.

NICHOLAS SACCAMANO:
COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Nicholas Saccamano, of the 11th Congressional District, who has given of himself for the betterment of the people of New Jersey for more than 40 years. This Friday evening, Nick will be honored by his many friends and colleagues upon his retirement from AT&T Bell Laboratories after 42 years of service. During that time, Nick has become a leader in business, and so many community activities.

Nick has always been involved in Morris County, where he and his wife Betty make their home. He is a champion of the finest charitable causes in our communities. Nick is known to be loyal, persistent and a leader who gets things accomplished.

Perhaps the best illustration of Nick's personal commitment to those in need was when a seriously ill young man was in need of a bone marrow transplant. It was Nick who, together with the young man's friends and family, took action and personally mobilized the support and resources necessary to help save the young man's life. And so it is not surprising that Nick's good works have gained him the respect, admiration and deep friendship of the residents of Morris County and all of New Jersey. My wonderful predecessor, Congressman Dean Gallo, considered Nick one of our best and so do I.

I would be hard pressed to list all of Nick Saccamano's accomplishments and special citations here today. However, I would like to

mention a few to give you an idea of how widely involved Nick is in our lives. Nick has been named the Man of the Year by the Dope Open Inc. and the Morris County Police Chief's Association and was named Citizen of the Year by the Holmdel Policeman's Benevolent Association. He serves on the executive board of the Morris County United Way, as well as receiving their John J. O'Connor Award. Nick is also involved in employer ridership programs in Morris, Monmouth, and Ocean counties; the Two Hundred Club in Morris, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union counties and is a member of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely doubt that Nick Saccamano will be slowing down any time soon. On the contrary, retiring from Bell Laboratories should give him even more time to do what he does so well: being people together to help others.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I join with all my New Jersey Colleagues and this House in congratulating Nick Saccamano for his many years of service to all residents of our area.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF EAST
TIMOR INVASION

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 1995

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 20th anniversary of the Indonesian invasion of the former Portuguese colony of East Timor. It is sobering to reflect on the fact that responsible observers affirm that at least 100,000, and perhaps more than 200,000 of a population of less than 700,000, have perished from the combined effects of Indonesia's December 1975 invasion of the territory. Proportionately, this is a death toll at least as great if not greater than Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge. While the vast majority of these deaths took place between 1975 and 1980, harsh repression continues in East Timor and the tragedy there cries out for a solution.

East Timor has been the scene of numerous arrests, beatings, and torture in recent months, mainly of young people. Authoritative observers make it clear that these practices are routine. It is therefore of great importance that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Joeey Ayala Lasso, is visiting East Timor at this time. This makes it all the more important that concrete steps be taken to improve the human rights situation in East Timor. President Clinton raised the issue of human rights in East Timor with President Suharto in a meeting in Washington in late October, one of several times that he has raised the issue with Indonesia's leader.

I believe there should be increased international efforts to resolve the tragedy in East Timor, which continues to cause so much human suffering. After all, if we are able to do something about Bosnia, over time we can also do something about East Timor, and it probably would be a lot easier to do so in East Timor.

I would note that in recent years hundreds of Members of Congress from both parties have signed letters and appeals on the East Timor situation and that international concern over the issue has grown over time. In 1995,