



2018 Ulster County State of the County Address

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Tonight, I would like to share with you a conversation I recently had. I was having a cup of coffee with a dear friend and he asked me a couple of very poignant questions. He asked how, after accomplishing so much, did we continue to stay motivated? And he also wondered if we had not already made all of the major reforms that were even possible in a county government?

I smiled and told him that though I appreciated his kind words, the truth is that we are just getting started! We are just beginning to scratch the surface of the type of extraordinary future that is possible for the great people of Ulster County. Yes, I am proud of the successes we have achieved so far together in partnership with our legislature, but what is really exciting to me is what is on the horizon: what we are working on right now and the amazing things that are right around the corner.

Then I explained to him that the difficult and sometimes controversial decisions we have tackled are just now beginning to pay-off with the serious dividends we had planned for all along. We have rebuilt the County's financial foundation, improved our overall bond rating, and accomplished what many people assume is impossible: greater access to better services with lower taxes for everyone. And I reminded him that our County property taxes in 2018 are the lowest they have been since all the way back in 2009, almost a decade ago.

All of this while helping our partners in local government by providing over \$32 million in relief to our towns and the City of Kingston to help them balance budgets, protect taxpayers and protect essential services. Because I have always believed that real success only comes when we all succeed together. Since we are just beginning to scratch the surface of what is truly possible for the great people of Ulster County, it is easy to be excited and motivated every single day. Now ladies and gentlemen, you can just imagine with that kind of longwinded answer, just how much fun I must be to have coffee with.

But think about it, our \$61 million Countywide infrastructure overhaul is working better than we could have ever imagined, creating quality jobs and safer roads and bridges for everyone. We are witnessing first hand the reinvention and diversification of our County's economy, with dramatically lower unemployment rates, the birth of a film-based entertainment industry and the explosion of tourism spending across our County. Add to that new home sales that are soaring and sustainable local businesses that are growing. Plus, we now have an emerging new tech industry that is helping fuel more opportunities and an agricultural sector that is expanded into wineries, cideries and distilleries that can barely keep up with the demand. All this in a County that is a proven leader in the State and across much of America in environmental responsibility.

This is something that I am very proud of, especially in light of what we are seeing come out of the Federal government: irresponsible and short-sighted actions like pulling out of the Paris Accord, opening up our national parks for oil drilling, or even aggressively encouraging a return to coal. As the County Executive, the truth is I am prouder now than ever of our entire community, as we continue to remain focused on science, solutions and sustainability and doing what is right as we act locally and think globally.

Let us take a moment to look at some of what we are doing together to protect our environment. First, I am thrilled to report that all 6,320 solar panels on our utility scale solar project are now in place. We have turned the former Town of Ulster landfill from a contaminated wasteland that would otherwise have remained unusable for a thousand years into a renewable energy producer generating over 20% of County government's energy needs for decades to come. To keep everyone informed about exactly how this project is helping protect our planet and reduce our reliance on fossil fuel, there will be an educational sign onsite, providing real time data for everyone to see.

That is not all, we are also reducing our energy needs and saving taxpayers money with a massive lighting upgrade at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center. In conjunction with NYSERDA and Central Hudson, over 10 years, this project will deliver just under a million dollars in savings for our residents. All of this on top of our ever-expanding network of charging stations and the continued growth of our sustainable fleet of vehicles.

As a direct result of our strong track record of environmental success, including the coveted 2017 NYS DEC Environmental Excellence Award, we have now received a special State grant to evaluate the direct impacts of climate change on Ulster County and begin designing thoughtful locally-based solutions that can help. Regardless of any leader who denies climate change exists or sees coal, fracking and fossil fuels as a healthy pathway to the future, here in Ulster County we are always going to stand for what is right and protect our clean air and clean water. Because I firmly believe that it is our own future and the future of our children's children that depends on nothing less.

As we strive to ensure a brighter future for everyone it is important that we as a society honestly and directly address some very serious and sometimes uncomfortable subjects. One that my administration has been keenly focused on from the very beginning has been the critical issue of gender bias. We have worked diligently to shatter the glass ceiling within County government and ensure a professional, respectful and equitable workplace for everyone. In fact, I am proud to say that in Ulster County government, my administration hires on merit alone. As a direct result, 60% of all County supervisors are extremely talented, highly effective and powerful women whom I have an enormous amount of respect for.

The other truth is this, we are all well-aware that it isn't like that everywhere else in America. The Old Boys' Clubs are alive and well in far too many places. In fact, in some employment settings gender equality is not just a dream, it is a nightmare. Tragically, some women are forced to endure degrading sexual harassment and in other cases even sexual assault. Simply put, if our nation is to reach full potential for everyone, this kind of disgraceful behavior must end. We have all seen the headlines. The avalanche of discrimination and sex abuse cases that have

highlighted a pervasive nationwide problem, undercutting the promising careers of far too many women for generations. What is often not discussed are the devastating psychological impacts that can even last a lifetime. To address this, I firmly believe that we must set the bar high, empower those who have been victimized and at the local level commit to ensuring that our own government functions as a model employer.

In addition to our current extensive employee training efforts, I am adding greatly enhanced anti-sexual harassment training for all County employees to ensure that we are guaranteeing the kind of respectful culture that hopefully becomes a model all across this nation. Regardless of whether it is inside the government or outside, in private businesses or not-for-profits, we must insure that the days of abuse and abusers being protected comes to an end and that a new day of reckoning is at hand.

Today I am announcing the creation of a dedicated Ulster County Information Hotline and corresponding website to provide all the necessary tools to any victim of workplace sexual harassment in the moment of greatest need. Answers to the critical and empowering questions like, “What are my rights?” and “Where can I turn for help?” will be available. Because, we must remember that when our nation is fundamentally unfair for one it is actually broken for all of us.

As we continue to raise awareness and strive to end the scourge of sexual harassment and assault, I am proud that our team at Ulster County’s Crime Victims Assistance is leading the way. We designed a first-in-the-State program in partnership with New Paltz Police Chief Joe Snyder, SUNY New Paltz and multiple local restaurant owners called the Ulster County BASA or “Bystanders Against Sexual Assault.” This practical program will educate restaurant personnel who often see potentially dangerous, alcohol-related situations evolving before they ever happen. This program provides staff with all the training they need and empowers them to take life-altering, preventive steps before it is too late. We urge every community to follow suit. I can assure you, we are committed to expanding this program across Ulster County. In fact, Kingston and Saugerties have agreed to be next.

You see, I know in my heart that we can change things. The great people of Ulster County have the will and the courage to lead an effort to end sexual harassment all across this great nation, to simply say for victims everywhere- this ends now! Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in offering a very special thanks to Sarah Kramer Harrison, Cindy Craft, Nancy Schmidt, New Paltz Police Chief Joe Snyder, Mike Beck and everyone else involved in Ulster County’s BASA for their amazing dedication to making things better.

As we improve our community and address other serious issues, sometimes major capital projects are required as part of the solution. That is why it gives me great pleasure to discuss the much needed \$10 million new Family Court facility now under construction in the Town of Ulster. Family Court is a special place that touches the lives of so many people, where decisions are made that alter the course of lives forever and impact countless children in need. For me, what I appreciate the most about this massive upgrade is the fact that it will greatly improve the critical outcomes for vulnerable children by placing our health and human services operation right next door. If you care about kids then I am confident that you care about this project too.

Since there is no end to the serious challenges all communities face, I would like to talk to you about a separate and nationwide issue that has plagued our society for as long as anyone can remember. That is the issue of generational poverty, a frightening downward cycle that can undermine communities, shatters families and unfortunately become almost impossible to escape. In a land of such plenty, I believe it is unconscionable.

To make a real difference that can actually change someone's life, I believe you have to be bold. That is why I am particularly excited about my \$11.3 million Three-Project Plan that we are in the midst of right now. It increases opportunities for disadvantaged youth and improves access to a brighter future for everyone by positively impacting some of the root causes of generational poverty. I am pleased to report that because of the quality of our projects, we have secured over \$9.3 million in grant funding to help offset our local costs. This plan delivers access to higher education for inner city youth at our SUNY Ulster Kingston Campus, that is already thriving.

It also includes access to high quality/low cost food plus a safe and secure place for children to play by connecting Midtown Kingston to the City's only major supermarket with our upcoming Linear Park. This year specifically, we are excited to provide access to life-altering second chances for at-risk youth at our new Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center. This facility will be part of a major overhaul to the juvenile justice system designed to put an end to what is tragically referred to as the-school-to-prison-pipeline that is ruining the lives of far too many young people and harming the foundation of countless families.

To make sure that we get this right, we are working with an incredible group of dedicated community leaders, as well as experts in the field. When completed later this year, this facility will provide specialized programming to reduce recidivism, improve family reintegration and deliver targeted employment training for at-risk youth. All to proactively turn vulnerable lives around. This unique collection of projects will combine to benefit thousands of people going forward and in the process, replace despair with opportunity and ultimately create a better and more just society for everyone to live. Ladies and gentlemen, I ask that you please join me in thanking the selfless individuals who serve on my Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Task Force because it is their hard work that is turning this incredible dream into a reality.

In addition to these exciting projects which would be more than enough for most counties to tackle in any one year, let us take a moment to discuss the unprecedented volume of other capital projects that we have scheduled for 2018. Simply put, it is a huge cross section designed to positively impact the lives of virtually every single resident in Ulster County. Let us begin by highlighting the \$16 million in infrastructure work this year alone that is part of our four year, \$61 million Building a Better Ulster County initiative. This has allowed us to resurface over 72% of all 423 miles of County roads and rebuild countless bridges and culverts too. The proof is in the pudding: you see it everywhere you go. County roads and bridges are getting much, much better.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and thank our talented DPW team for all their hard work as well as our extraordinary partners in organized labor for helping make this possible. Whether it is on difficult bridge projects or major construction, our ability to partner with

organized labor has allowed us to do so much more than we ever could have accomplished on our own. All while employing more local workers in high quality jobs. The real winners from this unprecedented amount of work have been our taxpayers.

We have all seen the successes, like right down the road with the Carmine Liberta Memorial Bridge that provides a beautiful waterfront for the great people of New Paltz for the first time in since the 1600s. In the Town of Shawangunk, at the Wallkill Bridge we have recaptured all the history and charm of this hundred year old landmark, right down to the antique style lamp posts. The good news is, because we have been responsible with taxpayers' money, there are 11 more important new bridge projects on the schedule for 2018.

In addition, we are focused on making our roadways better and safer, including a massive widening of South Putt Corners leading to the New Paltz High School later this year. In fact, we are expanding our successful school safety program across all of Ulster County with roadwork projects and special extras like solar speed signs in critical locations to improve the overall safety for our children. There is no question, our investments in infrastructure are working.

If all that capital work isn't enough, we are committed to delivering on a multi-location solution to provide critical training for our local fire fighters. The plain and honest truth is this: being a firefighter is an extremely dangerous job and sometimes tragically, even a deadly one. That is precisely why we owe such an incredible debt of gratitude to all those brave men and women who volunteer in the over 50 different fire departments from Saugerties to Marlborough and from Esopus to Denning. Because there is so much at stake in such a large geographic area, we are keenly focused on delivering a strategic network solution that includes an exterior training complex at SUNY Ulster; state of the art lecture facilities at SUNY Ulster; and burning and extrication training in both the Town of Ulster and Walker Valley

But the fact remains, this type of capital project is about so much more than just bricks and mortar. We all know in our hearts that it is really about people and remembering the extraordinary sacrifices our firefighters and their families make every time they answer a call. To ensure that we never forget those who have sacrificed the most, I am recommending that we dedicate the new firefighters' lecture facility at SUNY Ulster in honor of the late Captain Jack Rose of the Mt. Marion Fire Department, an incredibly brave and talented 19-year old firefighter who we lost tragically in the line of duty. Jack had an irrepressible spirit and gave his life fighting a ferocious structure fire. To honor him and all those who serve our community so courageously, let it forever be known as the Captain Jack Rose Memorial Hall at SUNY Ulster. Please join me in honoring Jack's memory and recognizing his courageous and amazing parents Linda and Gary who are with us here tonight.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are fortunate to have heroes around us every single day. Sometimes all we need to do is look. I have been blessed to meet and help serve many of them, especially among the 12,000 United States Veterans who call Ulster County their home. On top of all the work that our dedicated team of professionals do every day to help our Veterans access critical services, on top of the successes we have had in ending Veteran homelessness with the Patriots Project or the construction of an extraordinary County memorial honoring those who gave their lives in defense of our nation, or even the recent massive upgrade to our County

Veterans' cemetery to honor those brave souls who have passed away as well as their loving families

On top of all of this, I believe we must do even more every day as we work to repay an unpayable debt. It is also why this summer we are proud to both sponsor and bring to our community the emotionally moving and deeply significant Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. The hard truth is that what happened to Vietnam Veterans upon their return home was nothing short of a disgrace. They were vilified, mistreated and not shown the level of respect due those who have sacrificed everything in service to our nation. Though we can never make that right, it is imperative that we learn from it. This summer from July 18th through the 23rd at Cantine Veterans Memorial Park in Saugerties everyone will have the opportunity to see firsthand a detailed 300-foot long replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. I urge everyone to attend.

For some it will be a unique and powerful moment to help in the long healing process and for many others, because of the associated educational components, it will be a valuable opportunity to better understand the true magnitude of the Vietnam War and the significant impacts it has on both our people and our nation today. To make sure we get this right, I am pleased to be advised by a very special group of United States Veterans who have stepped up, as well as an invaluable partner in the American Legion Post 72 in Saugerties. I want to personally thank our incredible Veterans Advisory Group and Commander of Post 72 Frank Reggero for their service to our nation first and foremost and for their great help in ensuring this event is done with all the honor, dignity and respect it so justly deserves.

Ladies and gentlemen, I ran for office to guarantee the voices of the great people of Ulster County would always be heard. I knew that if we were to successfully deliver the kind of high-quality government our residents truly deserved, then we would have to be bold and take on complex and politically sensitive issues, some of which had been avoided for decades. In that effort, I have been blessed to work with many dedicated County legislators on both sides of the aisle. As a direct result, we have transformed Ulster County government into one of the most effective and efficient governments in our entire State, with lower taxes and more access to better services than ever before. Because I have never met a constituent who ever asked for the politicians to bicker more and do less.

Instead, what our citizens want is a functional government that is focused on them and their concerns. Let us discuss some of what I believe we must do together to best serve our citizens going forward. Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform to me, at its core, is about exactly what kind of democracy we hope to have. If we truly want a government of, by and for the people, then we must be willing to take the necessary steps to protect it. Fortunately, here in Ulster County we already have something that many good-government advocates only dream of. That is independent redistricting, a process to eliminate gerrymandering and improve fair and open elections for everyone.

There is another part to protecting our fragile democracy that is just as important. That is getting the influence of big money out of politics. That is why I was so thrilled when a New York State Appeals Court issued a ruling that now clears the way for comprehensive campaign finance

reform at the local level. Some would have you believe that this is complex, but it is not. There are four key pillars: public financing, because you should not have to be rich to run for office; contribution limits, because it is reasonable to demand that political contributions not be exorbitant; disclosure: because voters should know precisely where the money comes from; and an Independent Oversight Commission, because that just makes sense.

It is arguable that this law affects me, as the County Executive, more than any other local official in our community. I suppose that begs the question, “Why would I propose this law in the first place?” The answer is simple: it is not about me, it is about doing the right thing, and it is about delivering the kind of integrity based system that our citizens deserve. As a father, I often look far beyond today and I firmly believe that our fragile democracy is worth fighting for, not just for today but for all of the generations that will follow.

That is why I have asked the most respected good-government watch dog organizations in the entire State of New York to help us draft the highest quality comprehensive campaign finance reform for Ulster County. This law can serve as a model for all counties across this great State. To that end, I want to thank Blair Horner of NYPIRG, Jessica Wisneski of Citizen Action, Susan Lerner of Common Cause, and Dare Thompson and Jolanda Jansen of the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region for all the hard work their organizations have done. Because this legislation has been drafted in conjunction with the best good government groups in the State, I urge the Ulster County Legislature to pass it swiftly and to pass it in its entirety. I believe that anything less would be a disservice to the people and a disservice to the noble ideals of our democracy.

There are other important legislative actions that are needed. As many of you know, Ulster County has made massive improvements in our overall health outcomes and as a direct result we have made huge leaps in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings. As important as that is, we still have a lot of work left to do. As much as we lead the way in countless health-related areas, the truth is that we have fallen behind in the effort to raise the legal age to purchase cigarettes and thus reduce the deadly impacts of tobacco on our community. The good news is that we can do something about it and as a direct result, drastically reduce the likelihood of terrible diseases like cancer, lung disease and heart disease. The statistics are clear, the best way to reduce the number of people who smoke is to delay the time that they start.

With Tobacco 21 legislation, together we can dramatically reduce the rates of these terrible diseases and in turn- help more fathers to dance at their daughters’ weddings and help more mothers live to see their children’s children. I am urging the Ulster County Legislature to take the advice of the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the Tobacco Free Action Coalition and loving families everywhere and immediately pass Tobacco 21 legislation. This will in turn take another important step towards making Ulster County the healthiest County in the entire State of New York.

After extensive discussion with Mayor Noble and his staff, as well as an in-depth study by one of the finest transportation experts in the field, one thing is abundantly clear: the best way to effectively and efficiently provide high quality busing to the citizens of Kingston and all the citizens of Ulster County is with one Countywide system. I am pleased to report that after a

great deal of work and a strong focus on creating the kind of common sense infrastructure needed to support a successful new economy, we can now transition to a single Countywide busing system with zero job loss, better service, less fiscal risk and absolutely no additional cost for Ulster County taxpayers for the foreseeable future.

I want to thank the Mayor and his team for their partnership in designing an innovative system that can ultimately serve all our residents, all our visitors and all our local businesses for many years to come. It is now my great hope that the Kingston Common Council and the County Legislature will share in the wisdom of this forward leaning initiative and pass all the necessary legislation to make this long overdue one system idea a reality for everybody, once and for all. PS -in addition to all this, I am excited to announce that all UCAT buses will soon be equipped with free wi-fi.

We are blessed in Ulster County to have one of the most committed municipal workforces you will find anywhere on this planet. From helping a child in need with compassionate care from our health and human services team, to helping a senior in need at our dedicated Office for the Aging. From health inspectors who make sure the food we all eat is safe, to the snow plow drivers who keep our roads open at all hours of the day or night. And from Finance employees to 911 and from Crime Victims Assistance to life changing job training. What I see every day, across this amazing County, is an incredible workforce dedicated to serving the great people of Ulster County and helping to provide the quality of life we have all come to know and love.

That is why it gives me such great pleasure to announce: I have reached an Agreement in Principle with CSEA, the County's largest labor union, on a new three-year contract that is great for the workforce, great for County operations and great for our County taxpayers too. I hope that this will soon receive all the necessary support to deliver on the respect and admiration that I believe the great CSEA workforce has earned day after day for a job so incredibly well done.

In the private sector, we are experiencing a massive expansion to an exciting new part of our economy. Local movie, television and new media productions are skyrocketing. This means that for all the aspiring movie stars in our audience tonight, like my good friend Alan, I am excited to say, "Your big break can happen right here and right now, right in Ulster County!"

In fact, according to the Hudson Valley Film Commission, direct spending from new productions are up over 200% from last year alone. This means millions and millions of dollars to the bottom line of our local economy. Do you know exactly what has spurred that meteoric growth? It is simple, we fixed the underlying economics and ended a broken and discriminatory NYS tax policy.

I was proud to lead this charge and in conjunction with amazing partners deliver a much-needed new film tax credit to our region. As a result, not only have millions of dollars flowed into local businesses but it has energized a region-wide effort to bring more movies, television and new media production facilities to the Hudson Valley.

With our new film tax credit, we have completely flipped the script, turning Ulster County from a place where the economics simply did not work into a highly desirable location with a strong

competitive advantage. Combined with our high number of talented local professionals plus our close proximity to NYC, we are now uniquely positioned for a rapidly expanding, job creating and wildly successful entertainment industry for many years to come.

Unfortunately, the film tax credit in the Hudson Valley is not guaranteed and is definitely not permanent. It needs to be reauthorized and greatly extended by our State Legislature. If not, it goes away, clearly undermines the success we have achieved, and deeply harms the economic future of the entire Hudson Valley.

Even though it is hard to imagine who would possibly do this, unfortunately the risk is very real. A State Senator from western New York has already introduced legislation to dismantle this incredibly successful economic tool. If we are to continue to grow this industry and reach our full potential as a community, we must unite in our support to extend the film tax credit. Just as we did to secure it in the first place. Simply put, working in partnership with the Ulster County Legislature, let's get this done together.

I am confident that working together we can accomplish all this and so much more. Because the Legislature has earned my respect, they have shown the will to tackle important but sometimes contentious issues. I want to commend them for their courage, especially on one very specific issue. Every time they faced a critical decision in the hotly contested "railroad and rail-trail debate," they carefully examined the facts, they listened to community input, they debated every possible option and in the end, they voted unanimously for a compromise plan that truly includes something for everyone.

Now these Legislators are very different people with a broad cross section of ideas all voting for the exact same thing: a solution that respects our history and embraces our future. This solution provides for an exciting new rail-bike option in the Phoenicia area and a world class rail-trail section at the Ashokan Reservoir that opens the entire north shore to the public for the first time in over a hundred years. This plan also provides for successful tourism trains to continue in the City of Kingston with wonderful events like the Polar Express and more, plus two additional miles of track for future expansion. And last but definitely not least, the plan includes a connection to Midtown Kingston with a beautiful and much needed Linear Park.

Because I strive to always be and have great respect for individuals who courageously advocate for what they believe in, I want to express my great respect for all those passionate individuals who supported what was primarily a rail-only option, as well as those who just as passionately supported a trail-only option. In the end, I am deeply appreciative of all the amazing people on both sides who sacrificed, came together and embraced the compromise plan that ultimately carried the day.

I would be remiss if I did not also express some disappointment in the fact that our community was forced to endure as a small but vocal group preyed upon the good will of our residents with an extended campaign of misinformation. The sad truth was that many of those responsible were not even from our great County. I want to reassure everyone that my administration and legislators with conscience on both sides of the aisle don't scare easily. We will always put the best interests of the people of Ulster County first, no matter what, and will absolutely never be

intimidated by bullies.

As the Ulster County Executive, I would now like to share with you a few easily verifiable facts that many people may not be aware of: the leadership of the CMRR both fully supported and commended the compromise plan that was unanimously approved by the Ulster County Legislature; current railroad operations are safely protected with a multi-year permit, with additional miles available for growth; the leaders of the Town of Olive, where the Ashokan Trail will primarily exist, voted unanimously in favor of the upcoming trail, as have the vast majority of business owners in the community most affected; and last but not least, if conditions do ever change and in 30, 40 or 50 years, tens of millions of dollars become available and the actual customer demand develops for large scale passenger service, then I am proud to have personally negotiated a legally binding permanent easement for railroad across all NYC DEP property to make that possible.

It is my great hope that we can now all put this extensive debate behind us and together move forward to create all aspects of this amazing new community asset and provide a wide variety of breathtaking experiences for visitors of all ages and most of all for the extraordinary 180,000 people who call Ulster County their home.

We live in a magnificent, historic and patriotic place with breathtaking natural beauty and a broad cross section of amazing citizens with incredibly diverse opinions. I have always believed that this unique mosaic is precisely what makes Ulster County such an extraordinary place to live. We can be introspective and acknowledge that in this land of plenty, far too many people go hungry. Racism, sexism and far too much intolerance and hate still tears at the very fabric of the country we are truly capable of being. We can know all of that and still be filled with hope for the future and a deep appreciation of just how special and majestic the dream of the United States can be.

There is no question that we have much work ahead, especially if we are to reach our full potential. But we must also never forget how fortunate we are. For there were countless brave souls who gave their lives to provide us with the freedoms we all enjoy today. While we now live in a world that often embraces sensationalism and social media over hard work and actual success, here in Ulster County we will continue to take great pride in our strong track record of shared success on issues that really matter to our citizens and our bold willingness to run towards difficult problems and not away from them.

I firmly believe you can have the best of both worlds. You can care for people in their moments of greatest need and still protect taxpayers. You can reject the politics of division and hate and still work towards a brighter future for everyone. As we strive toward that future together, I will share with you exactly what I told my dear friend over coffee: the state of our County is strong and it is getting stronger every single day because of you.

Whether we are helping one vulnerable person in his moment of greatest need or helping an entire community all at once, I know that with your help together we can ensure that Ulster County remains forever the finest place anywhere to live, work and raise a family. Ladies and gentlemen thank you, God bless and good night.