

REMARKS FOR REP. TANGRETTI

DEDICATION OF A.K. HUTCHINSON HIGHWAY

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(USUAL GREETINGS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

THOUGH WE ARE STILL MOURNING THE  
RECENT LOSS OF THIS GREAT WESTMORELAND  
COUNTIAN, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE  
THE MEMORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMOS K,  
HUTCHINSON.

LEGISLATOR. FRIEND. DEVOTED HUSBAND  
AND FATHER. GOOD NEIGHBOR. PUBLIC  
SERVANT.

THOSE ARE THE WAYS WE KNEW AMOS,  
AND IN EACH ONE OF THOSE WAYS, WE NEVER  
KNEW HIM TO DISAPPOINT US.

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AS HIS LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSOR, AMOS HUTCHINSON SERVES AS A MODEL OF WHAT A LEGISLATOR CAN ACHIEVE FOR THE PEOPLE HE REPRESENTS -- AND THIS HIGHWAY WE ARE DEDICATING TODAY IS PERHAPS THE MOST TANGIBLE, MOST LASTING EXAMPLE OF HIS SERVICE TO HIS CONSTITUENTS.

IT IS A FITTING MONUMENT TO THE MAN WHOS NAME IT WILL BEAR. IN MANY WAYS, IT IS A REMINDER OF HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES.

SOLID! YES, AMOS WAS ROCK SOLID. HIS WORD WAS AS STRONG AND AS SOLID AS THE CONCRETE THAT WILL COURSE THROUGH THE SITE WHERE WE ARE NOW ASSEMBLED.

DURABLE! TWENTY-YEARS IN THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF STATE POLITICS...TEN TIMES RE-ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF HIS DISTRICT, AMOS COULD HAVE STAYED IN OFFICE AS LONG AS HE WISHED.

EFFECTIVE! AMOS CERTAINLY WAS  
EFFECTIVE, BUT IN HIS OWN MODEST WAY. HE  
WAS NEVER ONE FOR TRYING TO MAKE A BIG  
SPLASH IN THE MEDIA. IT WAS ENOUGH FOR  
HIM THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN  
A PARTICULAR PROJECT KNEW ABOUT HIS  
CONTRIBUTION. IF IT DIDN'T MAKE THE LEAD  
STORY ON THE 6 O'CLOCK NEWS, WELL THAT  
WASN'T IMPORTANT.

*on front page of T.R.*

LIKE ITS NAMESAKE, THIS HIGHWAY  
WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE FORCE FOR THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE 57TH  
DISTRICT AND ALL OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

I SAID EARLIER THAT AMOS IS A MODEL  
AND A GUIDE FOR WHAT A STATE LEGISLATOR  
SHOULD BE.

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WE IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY HAVE BEEN  
UNIQUELY BLESSED IN HAVING A  
CONSTELLATION OF GREAT, LEADING  
LEGISLATORS IN RECENT YEARS. AND  
PENNSYLVANIA HAS BEEN BLESSED BY THEIR  
SERVICE.

*Bless*  
NAMES LIKE LAUDADIO...SCHMITT...  
MANDERINO... AND NOW HUTCHINSON IS ADDED  
TO THAT CONSTELLATION.

IT IS A COMMENTARY ON AMOS' UNIQUE  
AND MODEST STYLE THAT HE NEVER SOUGHT  
THE LIMELIGHT...NEVER TRUMPETED HIS  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS THOUGH THEY WERE  
MANY...AND THAT HE GAVE UP HIS POWERFUL  
SEAT IN THE LEGISLATURE TO BE ABLE TO  
SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY.

(*But* FINALLY) HE LEFT US TWO WEEKS  
BEFORE THIS CEREMONY WOULD ADD STILL  
MORE *Recognition* GLORY *and* TO HIS NAME.  
*Glory*

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SOMEHOW, IT'S AS THOUGH AMOS WAS  
TELLING US AGAIN, GLORY ISN'T IMPORTANT.

A RECORD OF SERVICE IS ALL THAT COUNTS.

WELL, AMOS, FOR ONCE WE'RE NOT  
GOING TO LET YOU DUCK THE CREDIT YOU SO  
RICHLY DESERVE.

FOR ONCE..AND FOR ALL TIME...YOUR  
NAME WILL BE SYNONYMOUS WITH THIS PROUD  
AND LASTING ACHIEVEMENT...THE AMOS K.  
HUTCHINSON <sup>Bypass</sup> HIGHWAY.