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## Bob Scardelletti Retires with 29 Years as President of TCU and 53 Years of Membership

July 31, 2020, marks the retirement of TCU/IAM National President and Labor Legend Robert A. Scardelletti. President Scardelletti has fought for America's working families and the members of TCU for 29 years as National President, with more than 53 years of membership in the TCU/IAM.

Bob Scardelletti began his rail career as a Yard Clerk with the New York Central Railroad in Cleveland, OH in 1967. He was voted Local Chairman of Local Lodge 725 in 1971 and elected Division Chairman in 1973. In 1975, late International President Fred Kroll named him Grand Lodge Special Assistant. In 1977 he was elected Vice General Chairman of System Board 86. In 1982 he became Executive Vice General Chairman, then elected General Chairman in 1984. At the TCU National Convention in 1987 he was elected International Vice President.

Bob Scardelletti was first elected International President of TCU at the 1991 Convention to head the 165,000-member union. He was the first leader in more than 75 years to successfully challenge an incumbent. Since then he has been returned to office by acclamation vote of delegates to the 1995, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2018 Conventions. He has been TCU's longest serving President.

Scardelletti will leave behind a legacy of achievement.

Most notable is his participation in the passage of the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of 2001. This crucial legislation liberalized early retirement benefits for employees who reached 30 years of service, so that they and their spouses could retire at age 60 with full benefits. It also eliminated a cap on monthly retirement and disability benefits, lowered the minimum service requirement from 10 years to 5 years and revised the financing provisions of the railroad retirement system, stabilizing its financial status for generations to come. At the time the Act was passed, over a million active and retired railroaders received these benefits.

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