

and I re-assert that under the acid and final test of our performance we deserve to be continued in authority.

As we meet here, then, as the official representatives of the many thousands of Democrats in all parts of our beloved Free State, let us resolve that we will stand united for victory in this 1966 General Election.

As one who has had the high honor of holding a position of leadership in our Party for the past eight years, I urge Maryland Democrats, at this convention and elsewhere, to join with me in support of all our Party nominees — of George P. Mahoney, for Governor of our State; of Louis L. Goldstein, for Comptroller of the Treasury; of Francis B. Burch, for Attorney General; of our five incumbent Democratic Congressmen and the Democrats we have nominated for the remaining three seats in the House of Representatives, and all the Democrats who have been nominated for the State Senate, the House of Delegates and other local offices.

And finally, may I again express to all of you my sincere gratitude for your many kindnesses in the past, and appeal to you, as a friend and as a fellow Democratic, to remain loyal to the great political Party with which we are privileged to be associated.