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METRO NOTES

Mary Conroy Takes Oath as Md. Senator

She's Sen. Mary Conroy now. The widow of Edward T. Conroy, who had represented Prince George's County in both houses of the Maryland General Assembly for 19 years, was sworn into office yesterday to serve the last six months of her husband's Senate term.

Mary Conroy pledged to continue her husband's legislative work, although the legislature has adjourned for the year and is unlikely to have a special Senate session she would attend. She has told other county Democrats that she does not intend to run for election in her own right. Her district, the 24th, covers the eastern rim of the county, including Upper Marlboro and her home town of Bowie.

Edward Conroy died of cancer May 23. "When my husband became aware of his inability to continue, he voiced his wish that I be appointed to his seat and continue his work," she told about 60 people who attended yesterday's ceremony at the State House in Annapolis.

She was sworn in by Senate President James Clark Jr. (D-Howard). She was appointed by Gov. Harry Hughes after a recommendation by the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee.