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Inauguration Ceremonies



Parris Nelson Glendening
Governor of Maryland

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Lieutenant Governor of Maryland

January 18, 1995

PRE-INAUGURAL CEREMONY

West Portico, State House

Master of Ceremonies: Major John J. Loughlin II,
Maryland Army National Guard

- 9:00 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band
Bandmaster: 1st Sgt. Arnold L. Bundy
- 9:30 Children Around the World
Director: Kellie Caruso
- 10:00 Maryland State Boychoir
Artistic Director: Frank T. Cimino
- 10:45 The Young Columbians
"A Musical Tribute to America"
Artistic Directors: Toby Orenstein
Carole Lehan
- 11:30 Morgan State University Choir
Conductor: Dr. Nathan Carter

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

(Beginning at 12:00 p.m., audio coverage of the Senate Chamber ceremony will be provided to the public both inside and outside the State House.)

INVOCATION

The Reverend John A. Cherry

Pastor, Full Gospel A.M.E. Church, Temple Hills, MD

OATH OF OFFICE – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Honorable Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge,
Court of Appeals of Maryland
administers oath of office to

Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

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BENEDICTION

Rabbi Gary S. Fink

Congregation Oseh Shalom, Laurel, MD

**CEREMONY AT THE WEST PORTICO
OF THE STATE HOUSE**

(Beginning at 12:30 p.m.)

ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AND OFFICIAL PARTY

WELCOME – The Honorable Harry R. Hughes
Former Governor of Maryland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

“THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER”

Soloist: Nikki Laws

INVOCATION

Rabbi Gary S. Fink
Congregation Oseh Shalom, Laurel, MD

**PRESENTATION OF
GOVERNOR PARRIS NELSON GLENDENING**

Dr. William E. Kirwan
President, University of Maryland at College Park

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The Honorable Parris Nelson Glendening
Governor of Maryland

PRAYERS FOR THE STATE

His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler
Archbishop of Baltimore

“MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND”

Morgan State University Choir
Conductor: Dr. Nathan Carter

BENEDICTION

The Reverend John A. Cherry
Pastor, Full Gospel A.M.E. Church, Temple Hills, MD

EMCEE – Major John J. Loughlin II
Maryland Army National Guard

SPIRITUAL SINGER – Dorothy Myrick
SPECIAL SOLOIST – Sgt. Marcella K. Diehl

PARADE OF COUNTIES – 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC RECEPTION – 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – first floor of State House

RECEIVING LINE – Old Senate Chamber

Music by the 229th Maryland Army National Guard's “Take Five”
Jazz Combo Leader: Sergeant First Class Joseph F. Loosmore

Message From The Inaugural Committee

As part of today's activities, it is an honor to present the first parade held during an inaugural celebration in 30 years. We have invited a high school band from every county in Maryland and the City of Baltimore, representing some of the very best young musicians and talented performers in our state. In addition, we are very pleased to have several military units and bands in the parade.

Following the inaugural ceremony, we invite you to move to the northeast side of the State House to review the parade and appreciate the excellent music and marching. Just before the parade begins, the Prince George's County Police Pipe Band will perform, playing Scottish and Irish aires, as the official party leaves the State House and moves to the reviewing platform.

We hope you enjoy the parade and the wonderful people participating in it. Following the parade, a public reception will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Old Senate Chamber on the first floor of the State House.

On Saturday, January 21, 1995, we will host an open house in the Government House from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. We invite all Marylanders, especially families and children, to join us for a tour of Government House.

Thank you for attending today's activities.

On behalf of the citizens of the State of Maryland, Governor Glendening would like to thank today's parade participants and congratulate them on their superior performances.

Parade Participants:

Great Mills High School Band, *St. Mary's County*

Kent County High School Band, *Kent County*

Annapolis High School Band, *Anne Arundel County*

Calvert County High School Band, *Calvert County*

La Plata High School Band, *Charles County*

Dulaney High School Band, *Baltimore County*

Easton High School Band, *Talbot County*

Crisfield High School Band, *Somerset County*

North Dorchester High School Band, *Dorchester County*

Elkton High School Band, *Cecil County*

Northwestern High School Band, *Prince George's County*

Queen Anne's County High School Band, *Queen Anne's County*

Snow Hill High School Band, *Worcester County*

Walkersville High School Band, *Frederick County*

Colonel Richardson High School Band, *Caroline County*

Aberdeen High School Band, *Harford County*

JFK High School Band, *Montgomery County*

Clearspring High School Band, *Washington County*

Allegany High School Band, *Allegany County*

Northwestern High School Drill Team, *Baltimore City*

Carroll County Middle School Unit, *Carroll County*

Mt. Hebron High School Band, *Howard County*

Parkside High School Band, *Wicomico County*

Northern Garrett High School Band, *Garrett County*

Marching Units and Bands Representing:

Andrews Air Force Base

First United States Army

Fort George G. Meade

Fort Ritchie Military Reservation

Maryland Air National Guard

Maryland Army National Guard

United States Coast Guard

United States Marine Corps Reserve - Baltimore

United States Naval Academy

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Military Department of Maryland
Office of the Senate President
Office of the Speaker of the House
United States Naval Academy

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Parris N. Glendening

January 18, 1995

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A Vision For The 21st Century

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Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Attorney General, Madame Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, Chief Judge, Lt. Governor, Members of the General Assembly, Members of Congress, Honored Guests, my family, my friends and all Marylanders: Thank you for joining us on this very happy day!

My wife, Frances Anne, and my son, Raymond, join me as I stand here today to accept the challenge and the privilege to serve as the Governor of our great State.

There is an empty chair with a rose here on the dias. That chair is our symbolic remembrance of our parents--Frances Anne's father, former State Senator George Hughes and her wonderful mother, Pat. It is also in remembrance of my parents, Jean and Raymond Glendening. They are no longer with us...but we are certain they are here in spirit, smiling on us as we share this great day.

We have loving, warm memories of our parents. Frances Anne often speaks of her mother's strength, determination and commitment to family. She has often said that the song, "The Wind Beneath My Wings" reminds her of her mother--her mother is her hero.

Frances Anne, I want to say publicly that you are my hero. You have been "content to let me shine;" you are content here today while "I am the one with all

the glory." "I can fly higher than an eagle, because you are the wind beneath my wings." Thank you. This song is dedicated to you: [THE WIND BENEATH MY WINGS IS SUNG]

Raymond, and I know you hate this, but I also want to say that your mother and I are very, very proud of you as well. We are proud that you are an honors student at DeMatha; we are proud that you are on the school's baseball team; and we are proud and blessed that you are our wonderful son--and the first young person in Government House in well over a generation.

The rose, the empty chair and the song speak of family. They are symbolic of the legacy and values one generation passes to another. And they are symbolic of how caring and compassion can lead to lives of responsibility and respect.

Today we reach beyond our personal family to the family of Maryland--people of all ages, all colors, all backgrounds.

We look to those who came before us. Most particularly, we look to Governor Schaefer who embodied--not only for Maryland but also for the nation--the notion that government service can be driven by compassion for people. Our State, our well-being has been his life's work. We also look to former Governor Harry Hughes whose dignified leadership led our state to focus on protecting our environment. And, we look to former Governor Marvin Mandel who modernized Maryland's structure of government.

For the past two years, I have travelled throughout the Free State and I have heard the voices of Maryland...the lathe operator in Cumberland struggling to make ends meet...the watermen of the Chesapeake who rise long before dawn to work

the Bay...the steelworkers, shopkeepers, autoworkers and entrepreneurs of Baltimore City...the Federal employees who commute from Frederick...and the farmers in Kent County....

I have met them all. And they have given me a great gift.

They have taught me that ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things...that there are certainties in this uncertain world...and that sure as the next sunrise, the decent, hard working people of Maryland will rise to meet the challenges before us.

In my journey across our beautiful state, I have learned we have more in common than divides us...that our future is our common cause...that the coalminer in Garrett County...the school teacher in Montgomery and the truck farmer in Leonardtown are all living paycheck to paycheck...all worried about the kind of future their children will have--the quality of their education, their safety, the opportunities their children will have to land a good job and earn a decent wage.

Today we put behind us the simplistic solutions, the empty slogans and the divisive politics that hold us back; instead, we face honestly, forthrightly and with a sense of common purpose the challenges that lie ahead.

In this age of cynicism, I want to earn your faith. I want you to know where we stand...what we stand for...and what we hope to accomplish--together.

From the beginning of this effort, I believed I had an obligation to the citizens to clearly state my priorities and my vision to move Maryland forward. That is why we published our plan, the Vision for Maryland's Future...to improve education...to

create and keep good jobs...to make our communities and streets safe...to protect our unique environment...and to make our government efficient and effective; and we offer a practical, common sense approach.

This is the agenda of the Glendening administration. It is an agenda of which all Marylanders can be a part...an agenda that will change Maryland's future and our life...an agenda that will shape the dreams and create the opportunities of our childrens' lives.

It can be done!

This is the first of three messages I will give over the course of the next ten days--each part of a three-part package. This inaugural address is my vision for Maryland in the 21st century; the remaining two will address the budget and details of our programs--in other words, how to make this vision a reality.

Today we address the basic values and expectations and changes in policies that will lead our Maryland family into the 21st century.

The changes we will experience together will bring both challenges and opportunities.

From pre-school to graduate school, we can create a new educational system based on having the highest expectations of our children and young adults--IF teachers, parents, business people, entire communities join with us to make it happen.

In laboratories, offices and factories, we can create an economy that provides not just jobs, but good, substantive jobs that allow us to support our

families..IF we recognize that business creates wealth...and opportunity...that meaningful work provides real independence and hope, that employers have community responsibilities that transcend the paycheck...and IF business and labor recognize we must work together for jobs to support our families.

We can balance economic growth and the protection of our environment--IF we recognize they are not and cannot be mutually exclusive.

In our homes, our schools and streets, we can make safety and security the rule and not the exception--IF we tackle the problem as a community, bound together by common concerns for neighbors and neighborhoods.

And we can make our government work smarter and leaner IF state employees help us meet the challenge of re-engineering government.

We must count on everyone to do his or her part. I have faith that TOGETHER we will move Maryland forward. It is already starting to happen...the Maryland I see is not a distant dream.

I see an exciting vision for Maryland as we move into the 21st century.

I see a Maryland with educational programs like Freeman Hrabowski's Myerhoff Scholarship Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County--a program that shatters the stereotype of the "urban myth" and takes young African-Americans, shows them that someone cares about them and their education, and prepares them to be our scientists, doctors and teachers of the future.

I see a Maryland that works with businesses such as Telspan International, Inc. which is owned by Toni Ford. Toni began her business alone, working out of

her home. She moved her business to Prince George's County and we gave her a small business loan. That loan provided the seed to transform Telspan into a company that today grosses \$500,000 annually--and has work under contract totaling three million dollars! Telspan has grown to seventeen employees--and is still growing.

I see Maryland communities with public safety programs like Chief Colburn Dykes' community policing program in Salisbury, which today is a model not just for the State--but for the nation.

We can fly higher than an eagle once we understand that Maryland is one state, one family. As Edwin Markham wrote in his poem "Outwitted,"

"He drew a circle that shut me out - Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.

But Love and I had the wit to win; we drew a circle that took him in."

Today we draw OUR circle.

Today we begin an era of unity, a time of inclusion.

Today we begin working on our priorities--a quality education for our children, safe communities and good jobs.

Today we see change as opportunity.

The changes we will make happen will not be measured overnight, nor in the next four years, nor even in the next eight years. The impact of our changes will be measured over decades.

Change will be measured by what happens in our schools.

Change will be measured by what happens in our communities.

Change will NOT be measured by the laws we pass. It will be measured by the lives we touch.

It will be measured in the lives and the lifetimes of our children.

I cannot make these changes alone.

Your government cannot make these changes alone.

These changes will come from ALL of us, throughout the state, working together.

These changes will come when we stop saying we have a problem and then simply asking "what can government do about it?"

A perfect example of this occurred recently in Prince George's County when we broke ground for a hospice facility. Twelve years ago, a woman named Murt Foos, quit her job to pursue her dream of creating a hospice program. Volunteers worked thousands of hours and created a program that has helped hundreds of families when their loved one was terminally ill. And now, just this past November, we were all pleased to join Murt as we broke ground for a permanent new hospice facility.

By working together, these people turned a dream into a reality--and so can we.

We will build a better Maryland because we believe in each person's right to dignity and independence.

We will build a better Maryland because we believe in family, our Free State family.

We will build a better Maryland because we believe in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead--and thank you for the opportunity to lead Maryland into the 21st century.

At the groundbreaking of the Prince George's County hospice, I heard Dorothy Myrick sing a spiritual song that best explains the importance of our contributions to our Maryland family. I am pleased to introduce to you Dorothy Myrick.

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Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Wednesday, the twentieth of January
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From *Outwitted*

by Edwin Markham (1852-1940)

INAUGURAL MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR PARRIS N. GLENDENING

Today is historic. We celebrate the last Inaugural of the 20th century and the beginning of the first Maryland administration of the 21st century.

Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and I are honored and humbled by the trust placed in us by the people of Maryland to lead the State into the next century. We will do our best to deserve that trust.

At this momentous occasion, we hold high hopes for our state. We invite all Marylanders to join us as we embark on a journey into the new millennium -- a journey in which every child in this state will be able to reach his or her full potential in a world class educational system; a journey during which we will protect and enhance our environment; a journey that will make our Free State free for all, a place where compassion dwells.

The days, months and years ahead will be full of excitement as well as challenges. We promise the people of Maryland that we will devote our energy and enthusiasm to making the next four years a prosperous and productive time -- a time our children and grandchildren can look back upon with great pride, admiration and appreciation for the work we accomplished together.

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate and begin our second term. May God bless you and the work we will do in the years ahead.

PRE-INAUGURAL CEREMONY

West Portico, State House

Mistress of Ceremonies: Major Wendy G. Leland
Maryland Army National Guard.

9:00 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band

Bandmaster: 1st Sgt. Arnold L. Bundy

9:30 Severna Park High School Concert Choir

Choral Director: Ms. Elizabeth Craney

Principal: Ms. Mary Gable

10:00 Great Expectations of Patapsco High School & Center For The Arts

Musical Director: Ms. Beverly Bruening

Principal: Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky

10:45 Baltimore City College High School Choir

Choral Director: Ms. Linda R. Hall

Principal: Mr. Joseph Wilson

11:30 Morgan State University Choir

Conductor: Dr. Nathan Carter

President: Dr. Earl S. Richardson

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Invocation

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt

Congregation B'nai Tzedek Synagogue, Potomac, MD

Oath of Office - Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge,

Court of Appeals of Maryland

Administers oath of office to

Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

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Benediction

The Reverend Vashti McKenzie

Pastor, Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church, Baltimore, MD

Ceremony At The West Portico
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ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AND OFFICIAL PARTY

WELCOME - The Honorable Harry R. Hughes
Former Governor of Maryland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

Dundalk Sweet Adelines International
Director: Ms. Anne Taylor

INVOCATION

The Reverend Grainger Browning
Pastor, Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Ft. Washington, MD

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNOR PARRIS NELSON GLENDENING

Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III
President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The Honorable Parris Nelson Glendening
Governor of Maryland

CELEBRATION OF THE STATE

The Honorable Kweisi Mfume
President and CEO, National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

"MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND"

Morgan State University Choir
Conductor: Dr. Nathan Carter

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Father Sylvester Peterka
Pastor, St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church, Baltimore, MD

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Jane Margaret O'Brien
President, St. Mary's College

SPIRITUAL SINGER

Ms. Parris Lane accompanied by the
229th Maryland Army National Guard Band

PARADE OF COUNTIES

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - First Floor of State House

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Music by the 229th Maryland Army National Guard's "Take Five"

Jazz Combo Leader: Sergeant First Class Joseph F. Loosmore

Governor Glendening
and
Lieutenant Governor Townsend
heartily thank today's parade participants

Governor's Inauguration

Parade of Counties - 1999

Maryland National Guard Color Guard

1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry (Recon) "The Governor's Guard", Maryland Army
National Guard

Leonardtown High School Marching Band (St. Mary's County)

Kent County High School Marching Band (Kent County)

Chesapeake High School Marching Band (Anne Arundel County)

United States Naval Academy Band and Color Guard

Patuxent High School Marching Band (Calvert County)

Lackey High School Marching Band (Charles County)

Milford Mill Academy Marching Band (Baltimore County)

St. Michael's Middle High School Marching Band (Talbot County)

United States Army 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Color Guard,
Fort George G. Meade

Washington High School Marching Band (Somerset County)

Cambridge South Dorchester High School Marching Band (Dorchester County)

Cecil All-County Marching Band (Cecil County)

Maryland State Police Color Guard

Northwestern High School Marching Band (Prince George's County)

Queen Anne's High School Marching Band (Queen Anne's County)

Snow Hill High School Marching Band Marching Eagles (Worcester County)

United States Marine Corps Color Guard, Marine Barracks Annapolis

Urbana High School Marching Band (Frederick County)

North Caroline High School Marching Band (Caroline County)

Havre de Grace High School Marching Band (Harford County)

Paint Branch High School Marching Band (Montgomery County)

Andrews Air Force Base Color Guard

Williamsport High School Marching Band (Washington County)

Allegany High School Marching Band (Allegany County)

Baltimore City College High School Marching Band (Baltimore City)

Westminster High School Marching Band (Carroll County)

United States Coast Guard Baltimore Area Color Guard

Mt. Hebron High School Marching Band (Howard County)

Parkside High School Marching Band (Wicomico County)

Northern Garrett High School Marching Band (Garrett County)

229th Maryland Army National Guard Band (The Adjutant General's Own)

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Inaugural Address



*Parris N. Glendening
Governor of Maryland*

*Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Lieutenant Governor of Maryland*

January 20, 1999

Inaugural Address

January 20, 1999

MARYLAND AND THE NEXT CENTURY WE HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN

Senate President Mike Miller; Speaker Cas Taylor; Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the best Lt. Governor in the nation and the person directly responsible for having made Maryland a safer state; Attorney General Joe Curran; Comptroller Bobby Swann; Comptroller-elect William Donald Schaefer; Treasurer Richard Dixon; Chief Judge Bob Bell; Members of the General Assembly; Mrs. Christine Sarbanes, representing our Senior Senator Paul Sarbanes; Our Congress Members and Local Elected Officials; My friends and fellow citizens; My family, especially, my wife Frances Anne, who has done so much for this State in the Arts, for our Children, and Mental Health. And our son Raymond, of whom we are so very, very proud. When I first ran for County Executive, he was 2 ½ years-old. Now he is a college sophomore, eager to debate policy with his dad.

Also here today is my grandfather, Frank Church who, along with my grandmother, had a tremendously positive influence on my early life struggles. With him today is his wife, Mary.

There is also an empty chair with two roses on it here on the stage. It is our symbolic gesture of remembering Frances Anne's mother, Pat, and her father, former State Senator George Hughes. He served in the General Assembly for 10 years, during the 1950's and 1960's, and held the position of Minority Leader. He bravely led the early struggle for civil rights in this State. You will also see another empty chair, with one rose placed on it. This is in memory of my brother, Bruce, who is no longer with us. We honor these three people with our fond memories. We are certain they are with us today.

As Kathleen and I take our oaths of office for the second time, the only words that can fully and truly express our gratitude today are simple ones...thank you. From President Clinton, the First Lady, and the Vice-President of the United States who enlisted in our campaign; to every member of a team that fought for Maryland; to every citizen who joined in our cause; we can only say that we are honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in us...and we will do our best to deserve that trust.

This was not a victory of individuals, or merely a victory of a party. It does not belong to Kathleen and me, but to each one of you. For it was, above all else, a victory for ideals.

We stand for the high aspiration once expressed by Kathleen's father, Robert Kennedy. He said: "We must recognize the full human equality of all our people—before God, before the law, and in the councils of government. We must do this, not because it is economically advantageous, although it is; not because the laws of God command it, although they do. We must do it for the single and fundamental reason that it is the right thing to do." Here today, we also pledge ourselves to this vision of full equality for the overriding reason that it is right...the right way to live, and the right way to govern.

Now, we stand on the threshold of a new time, at the last Inaugural of the 20th century, and the first Maryland Administration of the 21st century. This moment in history calls on us to renew our ideals, and to strive with all our strength to make Maryland the Free State in reality as well as words.

Tomorrow, in the State of the State address, I will offer more details of our many programs and policies that, over the next four years, will reduce class size, enable us to hire more qualified teachers for our children, and ensure all who earn the right to go to college can do so.

I will also propose how we will attract and maintain jobs, deal with gun violence, and ensure Marylanders get the health care and medicines they need. Additionally, I will address how we will work to protect the rights of the hard working men and women in this state.

But today is a day in which we ask the fundamental questions that must underlie all our answers: What kind of society, what kind of people, do we aspire to be as we go into this new century? What ought we to be, as a people, as a society?

I see three great challenges before us.

First, we must invest in education to liberate the potential of every person, so all can learn more and earn more. In doing so, we will raise their standard of life in the knowledge-based economy of the future which we already have entered. In the next decade and the next generation, those who lack full access to learning will fall behind.

In earlier times, the barrier to opportunity was the ignorance of overt discrimination. There are many in this audience whose parents or grandparents saw the signs that said, "No Irish Need Apply" or "Whites Only." They were people who knew what it was like to be locked out because they were women, or Polish, or prayed in a different way. Today the greatest barrier to opportunity is ignorance itself, and not simply falling short in the basics, but failing to excel.

I pledged four years ago that this would be the education Administration. We have kept our commitment. We have built thousands of new classrooms, reduced class sizes, and raised test scores with a program that has become a model for the nation.

But I say to you now: We have only just begun.

In the next four years, we will build more, invest more, do more to raise standards, expect more in our classrooms, and make teaching a more rewarding and honored profession. We will sustain and strengthen our commitment to match the potential of our economy to the potential of our people. We will encourage new businesses and, working with our colleges and universities, we will make Maryland a high tech center for the world. I assure you, we will help create the jobs of the 21st century.

My fellow citizens, we stand on the threshold of greatness in education. We are preparing for a greater prosperity than we have ever known before. And if some complain about the cost of education, let us reply: The cost of ignorance is far greater!

We, in our time, in this state, are pledged to fulfill an enduring ideal, that quality education for all of us is the shining, golden door of opportunity. Let us make sure that door is open to all.

Let this be the beginning of Maryland's century of truly universal learning.

Second, we must safeguard our environment...not just conserve it, but clean and restore what was lost in the past. Here, too, we can be proud of the progress that we have made.

Starting with the leadership of Governors Hughes and Schaefer, we have been keepers of the Chesapeake Bay, defenders of our rivers and streams against toxic *Pfiesteria*, opponents of sprawl brought about by over-development, and protectors of open spaces and clean air.

And I say to you now: We have only just begun.

We reject the excuse that we have to abuse the environment in order to grow the economy. Lasting prosperity does not come from pollution. Rather, our prosperity depends on the natural wonders that have been and will be our greatest resource. Let every special interest know that this great common interest of ours is not for sale! We are not owners, but stewards of the world God made, and we are determined to pass it on better than we found it.

Just as we must carefully plan for and invest in our capital infrastructure—our roads, bridges and water lines, we must invest in our environmental or green infrastructure—our forests, wetlands, streams and rivers. Just as we must carefully plan for and invest in our human infrastructure—education, health services, care for the elderly and disabled—we also must invest in our green infrastructure.

At the dawn of the 21st century, let us act with foresight and without favoritism, so that our grandchildren's grandchildren can breathe clean air; sail and fish the wonderfully alive Chesapeake Bay; and see the best of this land preserved from the mountains to the shore.

Let this be the beginning of Maryland's century of the environment.

Third, we must become, truly and finally, one state and one people, with equality and justice for all. This is the age-old dream, but it is far from the experience of our age. Yet now it is our necessity as well as our ideal.

Maryland is increasingly a mosaic of many different colors, cultures, and religions. The inescapable obligation and the great opportunity of the 21st century will be embracing and celebrating our diversity, and drawing strength from it.

We came into office inspired by the poet Markham as our ideal. He said simply:

“He drew a circle that shut me out
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in.”

By making our circle larger in our first term, we achieved an Administration that looks more like Maryland. We advanced equal rights for minorities, and for the majority who are women. And unlike the tide of recent years, we always have vigorously supported civil rights.

But I say to you now: We have only just begun.

We must not only live together, we must come together in common purpose and respect. We must truly become a compassionate, caring society. We cannot do this through laws alone, although we will enforce them fully and widen their reach.

We must also require strong leadership, and that comes not just from leaders, but from within each and all of us.

There is always a new rationalization for discrimination against some group. There is always a reason to retreat, a temptation to be tired. Let us decide, as individuals and as a society, to live what we have learned: All of us are brothers and sisters. We all share the same joys and sorrows. And, we are both a better and stronger people if we are genuinely united, not separated out according to the shade of our skin, or the tenets of our faith, or gender, or economic class, or sexual orientation.

Let this be the beginning of Maryland's century of diversity.

It is an honor to lead a state like Maryland into the next century, to work in this historic State House where George Washington resigned his commission to become President. It is a privilege I could never have imagined as a child growing up in poverty. But I believe in the dream of opportunity and equality, and I am determined to do my part to make it possible for everyone.

I dream of an even better future for our son, Raymond, and for all of our sons and daughters, now and well into the next century. This demands innovative and ambitious programs, and I ask for your support for them. But we must ask something more of ourselves. We must ask not only how much do we have, but what should we become. We must ask not only what is in our budgets, but what is in our hearts. We must ask not only what do we want, but what ought we to be.

If we do not ask this of ourselves, then in the end, we will never achieve prosperity for all, and we will always risk the divisions and violence that could threaten any one of us.

Think of the great tragedies in recent times. A black man dragged to his death on a Texas road. A young gay man beaten and left to die on a barbed wire fence in Wyoming. Government workers and their children bombed in a building in Oklahoma City. And countless acts of unfairness and injustice in our own communities, not just overt hate crimes, but quiet crimes of the heart. We must and will continue to combat violence, to strengthen law enforcement, to take guns out of the hands of criminals. But even more, we must and we will seek a truly fair, just, inclusive society, with opportunity and civility for all.

I had a good friend and fellow Governor, Lawton Chiles, who said in his Inaugural Address: "I didn't come here to stay; I came to make a difference." In 1999, we do not come here simply to hold office. We come to uphold the belief that we can live together, work together, and advance together in a new time lit up by the constant flashes of change. Kathleen and I invite all Marylanders to join us now in this great endeavor. We begin anew with high hopes, hard work, and this guiding resolve: We will unleash the potential of every person. We will sustain and enhance our environment. And, calling on what is best in our history and ourselves, we will truly become one people, one community, one Maryland.

Thank you. God bless you. And may God bless our work in the years ahead. We have only just begun!!

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*****INAUGURATION ALERT*****

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) January 13, 1999 -- Please be advised that special credentials will be issued for news organizations covering Governor Glendening and Lt. Governor Townsend's Pre-Inaugural Reception, Inauguration and Inaugural Ball. Each event will require a separate media pass. Credentials must be prominently displayed at all times due to heightened security. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Pre-Inaugural Reception – Sunday, January 17, 1999

- **University Inn & Conference Center**
College Park 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

**Credentials will be available at 6:00 p.m. at the press table. Please contact Carolyn Mills-Matthews or Alexis Revis Yeoman at the Cammay Group at 301-794-5779 to reserve media passes.*

Inauguration Ceremonies – Wednesday, January 20, 1999

- **Oath of Office** Noon
- **Inaugural Address** 12:30 p.m.
- **Parade** 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
- **Reception** 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**Credentials will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on January 20th in the press room on the ground floor of the State House. Please contact the press office at 410-974-2316 by Tuesday, January 19th to reserve media passes for your organization.*

Inaugural Ball – Wednesday, January 20, 1999

- **Baltimore Convention Center**
Exhibit Halls A & B 8 p.m. - Midnight

**Credentials will be available at 6:00 p.m. at the press table outside the ballrooms. Please contact Carolyn Mills-Matthews or Alexis Revis Yeoman at the Cammay Group at 301-794-5779 to reserve media passes.*

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**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT KICKS-OFF
INAUGURATION DAY FESTIVITIES**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (January 15, 1999) – The sound of music will kick-off Inauguration Day festivities for Governor Parris N. Glendening and Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. Musical entertainment representing area high schools, the military and a local college will perform on the **West Portico of the State House beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20th.** The following bands and choirs will be featured:

- 9:00 a.m. 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band
- 9:30 a.m. Severna Park High School Concert Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Great Expectations of Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts
- 10:45 a.m. Baltimore City College High School Choir
- 11:30 a.m. Morgan State University Choir

The Morgan State University Choir and the 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band will also perform during the Inaugural Ceremony which gets under way at 12:30 p.m. on the West Portico of the State House.

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