

gether. The close relationship between Maryland and the District of Columbia—and this would apply to Virginia too—is reflected in many of the policies and programs of the government of my State.

Since this Conference is concerned with highway traffic needs, I will mention only one—transportation. A large part of our present program of highway construction is concentrated in the area adjacent to the District of Columbia—in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties. And in the planning of the highways, the main effort being made is to get people into and out of Washington. Governor Harrison, I am sure, can say the same for his state. All of this of course, implies regional cooperation, and the State of Maryland is happy to work with the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia for the mutual welfare of the citizens of the three jurisdictions.

The State of Maryland, Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties and the cities of Rockville and Takoma Park are highly pleased to hold membership in this Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Aware of our common problems and common welfare, I assure you of our continued cooperation with you. Last year, this organization generously and graciously presented me its Distinguished Service Award for the part my State had played in this joint enterprise.

This evening, it is my pleasure and my privilege to present this award to Governor Albertis S. Harrison, of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Governor Harrison, with this presentation, please accept my heartiest congratulations for this deserving tribute to you and to Virginia.