

For, while he was the State's highest medical officer, he was also the same man who had served as a general practitioner in Washington County for 22 years. The contributions that are made by dedicated and devoted public servants such as Dr. Prather cannot be measured simply by listing them. For they have enriched the lives of all those who had the good fortune to know them and to work with them. The inspiration given by Dr. Prather to his subordinates will reflect to his credit in the years ahead and this, perhaps, is his greatest legacy. His service will inspire others to follow in his footsteps, to reach a bit higher than they believed they could and to shore up their resolve to serve their fellow man.

As Governor of Maryland, I can appreciate perhaps a bit more than most the important role that individuals such as Dr. Prather occupy in governmental affairs. I can assure you that the burdens of executive office are indeed lighter, the decisions in the field of public health indeed easier to make, when the one occupying such an office has public servants such as Dr. Prather to rely upon for advice and guidance.

In closing, permit me to make but one observation. It was brought to my attention that Mrs. Prather who, as the former Miss Jessie Williams, was a social worker, is fond of saying that she never closed the case on Dr. Prather. I can assure you, Mrs. Prather, that the people of Maryland share your feeling and we, too, shall never close the case on Dr. Prather. He will always remain close to our hearts.

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It is, indeed, a pleasure for me to once again open a Focal Point discussion program and I know that all the citizens of Maryland join with me in commending WJZ-TV and Morgan State College, the Baltimore Health and Welfare Council and the Steering Committee for a plan of action for human renewal, for presenting this splendid program as a public service.

Having had the privilege of serving the people of Maryland in one capacity or another for 34 years, I have come to fully understand and appreciate the need for public awareness if any of the major problems that afflict our society today are to be solved or, in some way, alleviated. This public awareness can only come about if the major medias of