

of the Psalmist: "Cast me not off in time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth."

It is the solemn duty of all of us, to see that our senior citizens live out their lives in dignity. Moreover, it is our responsibility, insofar as we are able to see to it that our elder citizens whose deepest desire is to remain independent and self-sufficient have the opportunity to realize that desire.

Shortly after establishing the State Commission on the Aging and following its recommendation, I eliminated age, as such, as a requirement for eligibility in all State positions with the exception of the Maryland State Police. This is the type of action which helps to satisfy this desire of our older persons to remain independent and self-sufficient. Communities such as this beautiful Leisure World also help to fulfill this desire of our senior citizens by providing housing at a reasonable cost and with facilities especially suited for their needs.

I have followed with interest the great success of the Leisure Worlds in California and I know that this same success will be realized here in Maryland. Now, with these waters symbolic of the rivers of Maryland, I officially open Leisure World, Maryland, and offer my sincerest best wishes for a successful future.

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The State of Maryland has made notable progress in recent years in promoting employment of handicapped persons, and I am proud that this Eastern Shore region has played an important part in the state-wide movement. The Eastern Shore, I am told, is the only section of our State where employer committees established to carry on this important work are in operation. As an Eastern Shoreman, I take pride in this achievement, and as the Governor of Maryland, I encourage other areas of our State to emulate the fine example which you have set here.

According to reports which have been brought to my attention, Cecil County was in the vanguard of this movement, having established a committee of employers many years ago. Following Cecil's example,