

government has established the Maryland Historical Trust whose aim is to preserve those existing reminders of our past. We are, indeed, fortunate to have working with us in this cause many historical societies, such as the Maryland Historical Society, the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities and Historic Annapolis, Incorporated.

Today, on the 181st anniversary of the ratification the Treaty of Paris, I know that all of you join me in expressing the hope that present and future generations of Marylanders will regard the heritage of our State and nation with the same respect demonstrated by the members of the General Assembly in 1902. It is my belief that by preserving the existing reminders of the past, we inspire those who will chart the course for the future.

ADDRESS, WOMEN'S EASTERN SHORE SOCIETY

BALTIMORE

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Mrs. Coleman, distinguished members of the Women's Eastern Shore Society, Reverend clergy, and ladies and gentlemen:

I'm delighted to once again have the pleasure of being here with you and I regret exceedingly that Mrs. Tawes was unable to accompany me. She had a commitment of long standing which she was unable to postpone but she did request that I convey to you her very best wishes. It is always relaxing for me to break away from what has been a rather exhausting official schedule to exchange pleasantries with individuals who share my great love and affection for the Eastern Shore.

In recent times, there have been those who have tended to minimize the importance of the Eastern Shore to Maryland and, for a time, I was beginning to think that Eastern Shore governors—like the whooping crane—were destined for extinction. This fear prompted a bit of research on my part and I am happy to report to you that if future Eastern Shore men and women continue to live and work and play in the traditions of their forefathers, then the Eastern Shore will always exercise broad influence in the public affairs of Maryland.

I have the happy distinction of being the 24th Governor of Maryland from the Eastern Shore and, although some who differ with me politically might find this a bit upsetting, I have also served longer as chief