

you in your efforts to achieve a more effective administration of motor vehicle laws in your respective states and provinces. We Marylanders are pleased to have you here and are looking forward to having as our guests again soon.

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I'm delighted to once again have the opportunity of being here today at this National Safety Council Awards Luncheon to accept, on behalf of the people of this State, the certificates of achievement for traffic safety.

I was first notified that Maryland was to receive these certificates in a telegram sent to me early in June by Mr. Howard Pyle, President of the National Safety Council. Many of you, I am sure, will recall that I received a similar telegram last year when Maryland also was awarded substantial recognition for its efforts in behalf of traffic safety. As Governor I can only say that I am, indeed, proud of our achievements in this field. These awards reflect to the credit of many but particularly to the department heads and personnel of the Maryland State Police, the State Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Roads Commission, the State Department of Education and the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission. All of us gathered here today and, indeed, all the citizens of Maryland owe a good deal of these various departments for their untiring efforts to promote safety on our highways. The personnel of these departments recognize, as do I, that one of our primary tasks in public service is the protection of lives and property of citizens.

That Maryland has achieved a substantial measure of success in this endeavor is reflected by that fact that our State received a rating of 91 per cent for its outstanding program in all categories of the National Safety Council's annual traffic inventory. Maryland this year is receiving six awards for its achievements in traffic safety and we continue to rank among the top states in this field.

A few weeks ago, I attended the annual Governors' Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, and it was during that Conference that I was first notified that Maryland had scored 91 per cent in the annual traffic