

of their limitations but confident in their principles, they forged a free and flexible Federal System and gave birth to an enduring government — a government so good and great that its characterization by Thomas Jefferson almost two centuries ago is applicable today: “With all the imperfections of our present government, it is without comparison the best existing, or that ever did exist.”

ADDRESS AT ARTHUR W. SHERWOOD TESTIMONIAL
DINNER, BALTIMORE

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Tonight we have assembled to acclaim and do honor to Arthur Sherwood and the extent and enthusiasm of this group does tribute to our candidate for Mayor of Baltimore City. Arthur, no doubt is deeply touched that we would be here but — to paraphrase our late President — not half as deeply touched as we were to get here!

At this time a year ago — and I remember it vividly — I too was a candidate, with right hand swollen, smile frozen, and nerves frayed. Thus, I offer empathy as well as endorsement and commiseration as well as compliments to Arthur Sherwood.

It takes real courage to be a candidate — especially a Republican one. For Maryland Republicans are like America's frontiersmen constantly struggling against great odds and greater numbers. Yet we have learned to compensate by offering quality to counter quantity, integrity and vision to balance might; and we have proof that with virtue on our side, we can prevail!

Maryland may have a better than three to one Democratic registration but in our most populous areas — in Baltimore City and in Anne Arundel County, in Montgomery County and in the State House — Republicans are in power. The people of Maryland are not deluded lambs to be blindly led; they want the best, not the biggest; their vote is motivated by principle not party.

Baltimore City has come far under progressive Republican leadership. We have seen a decaying commercial center razed and regenerated; decaying housing replaced, renewed and restored. We have seen racial violence engulf seventy-six American cities, but not Baltimore. Much of this may be credited directly to the personal energy