

haps it should have been added, "within his own time." Such was the political fate of William Preston Lane, Jr.

But, I believe that Governor Lane understood that in time his programs would be vindicated, his vision appreciated, his record honored. Much of the progress that he generated was intangible, for the Lane administration was preoccupied with recovery, with shoring up the past and building foundations for the future. Yet one great, tangible monument stood to honor this man who dared to "dream the impossible dream" — and Governor Lane cherished this steel and concrete symbol of all he had accomplished.

It is told that shortly after his defeat for a second term, he took several members of his staff on a boat ride. As the State Yacht sailed beneath the Bay bridge where the superstructure was grandly rising, he surveyed the massive expanse of steel with great pride and emotion. With tears in his eyes, he told those closest to him, "That's one thing they can't take away from Pres Lane."

In that hour, he knew that recognition, appreciation and gratitude — like progress and the future — were inevitable. Present and future generations will recognize his name and remember — above all else — that it was Governor William Preston Lane's vision that united Maryland's shores.

Today, in renaming this great span — The William Preston Lane, Jr., Memorial Bridge — we formally and officially commemorate his wisdom, strength and courage. In this act his State pays him honor long overdue. Even more, today Maryland acknowledges and assures at last — in name as well as in spirit — that the first Bay bridge "is one thing that they can't take away from Pres Lane."

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