

The next order of business is the nomination and election of Honorary President. Now, in the nomination in this procedure, we are going to ask the nominator to come forward and use the microphone at the desk, so he will be in a prominent place. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Godfrey Child.

DELEGATE CHILD: Mr. Chairman, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, the delegates to this Convention: It is my rare privilege that I have this afternoon of placing before you a name for your consideration for election to the high and very honorable office of Honorary Chairman of this Convention. The man who I will name is a close friend of mine. I have known him since he was a clerk of the court of his own county and that, my friends, has been too long ago for me to tell on him or tell on myself. I watched his career and his public service to his own community, his unselfish work for his church, his service club, numerous fraternal organizations, the volunteer fire companies, the Boy Scouts of America, and I could go on and on and on.

I have watched his career as he rose from clerk of court to comptroller of the State of Maryland and served diligently and well in that office for many years. I watched him as bank commissioner. I watched him when he tried for the nomination for governor of the State and lost the first time and he tried the second time and won the nomination and won the election by a huge majority and served diligently and well as one of the best governors of the State of Maryland. During his term, the State grew and flourished.

I want to pause here just a minute to say that it was quite a blow to him when he lost the nomination the first time and, of course, it was quite a triumph when he gained the nomination and the election by such a large majority, but there was never any change in my nominee. In the words of Kipling, he could meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same.

I want to pause again and say to you that if you have never met his lovely wife, you have been denied the privilege of meeting a very talented and gracious and lovely lady. I could go on and take the time, but the hour is late, and need I say more except to say that the man who I will nominate is the governor who signed the bill creating this Constitutional Convention, the man who appointed the Commission which wrote our draft form, for us to go

by, the man who named this Commission and the man who named the Honorable William Preston Lane as its Honorary Chairman. I am certain that you agree with me that you are sorry that Governor Lane's Maker called him, so he could not be present with us today.

What more can I give you than when I give a humble man, a friendly man, a gracious man, a man who has devoted his entire life to the public service of his community and this great State of Maryland.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, it is a high privilege and a rare pleasure for me to place in nomination for the high office of Honorary Chairman of this Convention, the name of the Honorable J. Millard Tawes, the Ex-Governor of the State of Maryland.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a second? The Chair recognizes Delegate Samuel W. Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: Mr. President, I would like to yield to Delegate Hopkins, Mrs. Hopkins.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Hopkins.

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, the Convention is indeed honored to have Governor Tawes among us. We are all in his debt for having made this a reality. I am happy to second his nomination.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Barrick?

DELEGATE BARRICK: Mr. President, it seems to me only fitting that we should honor Governor J. Millard Tawes as Honorary Chairman of this Convention. It was under his leadership that the Commission was set up. It was under his leadership that the bill passed through the legislature creating this Convention and, as someone said in the papers recently, he truly is the father of this Constitutional Convention. Time, of course, does not permit me to go into all of his accomplishments and many of you know him probably better than I, but we know his outstanding record as comptroller, as chief executive of this State and it is certainly an honor for me to second his nomination, for a most outstanding Marylander.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other nominations? Do I hear a motion that nominations be closed?

A DELEGATE: Mr. President, I would