

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Would Delegate Bryson and Delegate J. Frank Raley please escort the Sergeant-at-Arms to the rostrum, please?

Come forward, please.

*(The Honorable Mary B. Bryson, Delegate from Carroll County, and the Honorable J. Frank Raley, Jr., Delegate from St. Mary's County, escorted the Sergeant-at-Arms, who carried the duplicate original mace, to the rostrum.)*

*(The delegates rose and applauded.)*

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Honorary Vice-President Tawes, Vice-President James Clark, Vice-President William James, and ladies and gentlemen of this Convention, honored guests and friends: The opportunity that has been afforded me to make this presentation as a part of the final session of the "Annapolis Achievement" is truly the greatest honor of my lifetime.

The base of the mace is a silver collar. Inscribed on the collar are the following words: "Presented to H. Vernon Eney, President of the Constitutional Convention of 1967, by the delegates and officers of the Convention with their respect and affection."

Inscribed thereon are the names of the delegates, the officers, and the chief of pages.

Mr. President, accept this mace with the knowledge that Marylanders are deeply grateful to you, and please accept our best wishes at this time. And may God be with you always.

*(The Delegates to the Maryland Constitutional Convention, the officers, the staff, the press, and the visitors rose and applauded.)*

PRESIDENT ENEY: There are times when one wishes so much that he had the eloquence and the power of expression and the ability to put in words the thoughts that go racing through his mind. I do not have that ability.

It is utterly impossible for me to express to you in words what that mace and inscription with all the signatures on it mean to me. You will simply have to read my mind and be satisfied with a simple but very, very heartfelt thank you.

Thank you very much.

*(The delegates rose and applauded.)*

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES: The Chair now recognizes Delegate E. J. Clarke for the purpose of making a motion.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Will Delegate Cardin please approach the reading clerk's desk?

Mr. Honorary President, Delegate Cardin will offer Resolution No. 62. In order to do this, we must have a suspension of the rules.

I move that all interfering rules be suspended so that the resolution may be introduced.

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES: Delegate E. J. Clarke moves the suspension of all interfering rules for the purpose of introducing Resolution No. 62.

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; opposed, No.

Does that require a roll call vote?

I am advised by the specialists in this department it does require a roll call vote.

Will you cast your votes, please?

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being a unanimous decision, I yield now to Delegate Clarke.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Delegate Cardin, will you please read the resolution?

DELEGATE CARDIN: Resolution No. 62, by Delegates Tawes, J. Clark, E. J. Clarke, and all the delegates:

A RESOLUTION expressing the affection and respect of all of the Delegates to this Convention for its President, the Honorable H. Vernon Eney.

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Convention of Maryland is nearing the completion of the work entrusted to it by the people of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, it is the deep conviction of this Convention that no man could have served his State more ably and more faithfully than has the President of the Convention, through the preparatory effort and through these months of the Convention's deliberations, and that without him the quality of its work and the character of its deliberations would have been materially lessened; and

WHEREAS, it was the privilege and pleasure of each delegate to have shared with our President the friendship of people of knowledge, ability and personal charm,