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Growing up poverty-stricken in Florida, in a house without electricity or indoor plumbing, Parris Glendening could scarcely imagine that years later he would find himself in the State House in Annapolis. Yet, driven by the values of education, hard work, personal responsibility, and a commitment to public service, Parris N. Glendening overcame humble beginnings to become the 59th Governor of the State of Maryland.

Early in life, Governor Glendening recognized that education was the door to unlimited opportunities. A scholarship to Broward Community College started him on his academic career. Other financial aid later enabled him to attend Florida State University, where he received a bachelor's degree (1964), a master's degree (1965), and a Ph.D. (1967), becoming the youngest student in FSU history to receive a doctorate in political science and urban administration. Upon graduation, he began a career as a professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he taught Government and Politics for 27 years. In 1984, he co-authored *Pragmatic Federalism, An Intergovernmental View of American Government*, a textbook used in over 400 colleges and universities.

The Governor's public service began in 1973 as a City Councilman in Hyattsville. He was elected to the Prince George's County Council in 1974 and twice served as Council Chair. In 1982, he was elected County Executive of Prince George's County, and is the only County Executive in Maryland history to serve three terms (1982-1994). Under Glendening's leadership, Prince George's County was selected as an *All America County* by the National Civic League, and *City and State* magazine named him the "Most Valuable County Official" in the nation. In 1994, he was elected to his first term as Governor. In 1998, Governor Glendening overwhelmingly won re-election to a second term.

Governor's Commitment to Education. Building on his life experiences and recognizing that access to a quality education makes success possible for everyone, Governor Glendening made education his top priority and increased funding for education at every level during his tenure. In his first term, the Governor increased aid to primary and secondary education by more than \$600 million. In addition, funds to build and modernize classrooms more than doubled. In his second term, the Governor vowed to take Maryland into the Golden Age of School Construction with a commitment to invest more than \$1 billion to build and modernize classrooms over the next four years. A total of 13,500 classrooms will be added, renovated, or modernized during his time in office. To improve both the quality of and access to higher education in Maryland, Governor Glendening unveiled a four-year, \$635 million plan to help Maryland's colleges and universities move toward excellence. Most recently, he worked with the General Assembly to pass the Maryland HOPE Scholarship Program, guaranteeing access to college for all Maryland high school students who work hard, get good grades, and agree to work in Maryland upon graduation. The Governor's commitment to education was recognized by the Maryland State Teachers Association, which presented him with the Friend of Education Award in 1997.

Governor's Commitment to the Environment. Governor Glendening's second great passion is protecting, preserving, and restoring our environment for future. With his Smart Growth-Anti Sprawl initiative, the Governor has positioned Maryland as a national leader in the fight to preserve existing open space, protect natural resources, reinvigorate established communities, and stem the tide of suburban sprawl. The World Wildlife Fund praised Governor Glendening's Smart Growth program as a "Gift to the Earth." The Governor is committed to continu-