

# Governor's Weekly Message: Governor Markell Offers Poetic Toast at National Governors Association White House Dinner

Washington, D.C. – As Chair of the National Governors Association (NGA), Governor Markell offered a poetic toast on Sunday, February 24, at a dinner hosted by the White House that took place during the NGA's Winter Meeting weekend (Feb. 23 – 25, 2013).

"On this one night it's a relief – politics doesn't drive the conversation. We don't speak of partisan issues or presidential aspirations," said Governor Markell. "Instead, we gather to reflect on the blessings we've received – to serve our states and country the best that's ever been conceived. We may come from the mountain states or from the South or plains or coast, we're one country and one people, in important ways we are united, and for the chance to offer you our greatest thanks, I really am delighted."

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