



n Tuesday, May 3, I was proud to join Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and Maryland's Port community in welcoming 33-year maritime veteran F. Brooks Royster, III as the new Executive Director for the Maryland Port Administration.

Governor Ehrlich once again reiterated that the "business of Maryland" is one of his top priorities and that Royster's new leadership will help the Port of Baltimore chart a course to an even better tomorrow.

Like another Brooks who played a little baseball here in town, I believe Brooks Royster will be the

would produce some of the finest talent in the business from which to choose. We were right. Helen and her committee delivered the goods! Not only did they find the best person, they did it on a very aggressive timeline. Helen, again, thank you for:

- Your leadership,
- Your tenacity and
- Your amazing love for the Port of Baltimore and the people who rely on her.

Executive Search Shows Bentley's Devotion To Port

catalyst that will take this winning team to even greater heights. His appointment follows a nationwide search that was conducted at the direction of Governor Ehrlich and carried out by former U.S. Rep. Helen Delich Bentley and a search committee. The committee, comprised of representatives throughout the Port community, did an excellent job of canvassing the country for the top minds in the business and identifying Brooks as clearly the best candidate.

Governor Ehrlich and I knew the best thing we could do was call on Bentley. With her knowledge and contacts throughout the maritime industry, we were confident Helen could mount a campaign that

I want to point out that Acting Executive Director Kathy Broadwater and her management team have done a magnificent job managing the Port in the interim. Kathy, in particular, demonstrated the calm resolve and leadership skills that have been her trademark at the Port of Baltimore. In honor of her commitment to the MPA and the Port community, I am pleased to say Governor Ehrlich has named one of the cranes at Seagirt Marine Terminal in her honor.

The Port of Baltimore is fortunate to have a strong team of leaders who believe in the value of real "teamwork." With Brooks Royster now at the helm, all the key pieces are in place. Let's get to work.

Robert L. Flanagan
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