2003 Pennsylvania Gubernatorial Inauguration

January 21-22, 2003

The City of Harrisburg

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Dear Friend,

I began my campaign for governor with the fundamental belief that government can and should improve the quality of people’s lives. Two years later and after more than 50,000 miles on my campaign bus, I am gratified that people have embraced my message of positive change for all of Pennsylvania.

Our state is facing so many challenges: the need to tackle a substantial projected budget deficit, to provide long overdue property tax relief, to reform our schools and to create real economic growth. But if we work together as one Commonwealth – Republicans, Democrats, east and west, rural, urban and suburban – not only will we accomplish our goals, but I am confident we can far exceed even our own expectations.

We need to redevelop our communities, large and small, to create new jobs through economic expansion. We need to give our children a first-class education system – one that is properly funded and that demands the best. We need to improve access to healthcare by making it more affordable and by keeping our physicians working and living in our communities. As the second oldest state in the Union, we must honor and respect older Pennsylvanians, so we can all look forward to a secure and happy retirement. We can achieve all of these goals by working together, and this, friends, is only the beginning.

No matter how many obstacles we face, together we will overcome them. So in closing, I am honored to deliver only one message: 

**Welcome to a new Pennsylvania!**

Sincerely yours,

Ed Rendell
Edward G. Rendell served as the 121st Mayor of the City of Philadelphia from 1992 to 1999. Before serving as Mayor, Governor Rendell was District Attorney of the City of Philadelphia from 1978 through 1985.

Among his many accomplishments as Mayor, Governor Rendell eliminated a $250 million deficit; balanced the city’s budget and generated five consecutive budget surpluses; reduced business and income taxes; implemented new revenue-generating initiatives, and dramatically improved services to the city’s neighborhoods.

Dubbed “America’s Mayor” by Vice President Al Gore, Governor Rendell worked tirelessly to revive Philadelphia’s economy and position it as a destination city. During this period Philadelphia enjoyed six straight years of job gains. Philadelphia is nationally and internationally recognized for its historical and cultural attractions, a thriving downtown, and a booming Convention Center. Perhaps the best testament to Governor Rendell’s efforts as Mayor was the awarding of the 2000 Republican National Convention to Philadelphia.

Governor Rendell served as General Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) during the 2000 Presidential Election. As such he was the chief spokesperson and fundraiser for the Democratic Party nationwide. During his tenure as Chairman, the Democratic Party picked up seats in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, and won back control of many Governors’ offices.

The Governor teaches two government and politics courses at the University of Pennsylvania, and has been active in the community through memberships on a variety of boards. Governor Rendell, an Army veteran, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova Law School.

The Governor and his wife, Marjorie O. Rendell, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, celebrated their 31st anniversary in 2002. They live in Philadelphia and have a son, Jesse.
Catherine Baker Knoll served as Treasurer of Pennsylvania from 1989 to 1997, winning reelection with the largest number of votes ever cast for a statewide Democratic candidate elected to office in Pennsylvania.

As Treasurer, Lt. Governor Knoll built the High Tech Investment Center that has earned more than $1.9 billion in interest and saved more than $700 million in government waste in pre-auditing.

Lt. Governor Knoll began her career in public service as a western regional director with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. She also served as personnel director of the John J. Kane Hospital and the St. John Hospital.

Lt. Governor Knoll raised four children, now all professionals in their own right. Her late husband, Charles, was a U.S. Postmaster. Lt. Governor Knoll has been a volunteer for the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Nature Conservancy, Elder Care, Inc., and Mom’s House.

Among Catherine Baker Knoll’s honors and recognition are: appointment to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board by President Clinton in 1999; appointment as the first woman on the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust Board of Trustees; honors from the government of Israel for Investment in Israel Bonds; and honors from the Pennsylvania and National Home Builders Associations for her role in housing.

A Pittsburgh native, Catherine Baker Knoll is a former teacher and businesswoman. She is a graduate of Duquesne University and also has attended Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Catherine Baker Knoll has always believed in putting people first. During her term as State Treasurer Knoll started many programs designed to demonstrate her core belief that, "It’s about the power to care, not the care for power." Among those programs are the Tuition Account Program, the student loan program PHEAA, INVEST Program, Unclaimed Property, Save Our Cities, Knoll Home Start Programs, and Small Business Loan Programs for Women and Minorities.
2003 Gubernatorial Inaugural Ceremony

JANUARY 21, 2003 * 11:30 AM
THE CAPITOL OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE CITY OF HARRISBURG

Prelude............................................ Keystone State Boychoir

Introductions ..................... The Honorable Matthew Ryan Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Fanfare...... Valley Forge Military Academy Herald Trumpeters

Invocation.................................Bishop Zedekiah L. Grady First Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church

National Anthem............................. Timmy Kelly

Reading ....................................... Reverend James S. Hall Triumph Baptist Church

Presentation ..................... The Honorable Ralph Cappy Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court

Oath of Office............ The Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell

Governor’s Address........ The Honorable Edward G. Rendell

Benediction................................. Rabbi Solomon Isaacson Congregation Beth Solomon

Finale ............................................ Keystone State Boychoir

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR
THE CONSTITUTION
AND THAT
OF MERRY PENNSYLVANIA

The Governor
Governor's Oath of Office

I swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.
2003 Pennsylvania Inauguration
Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2003

The Lieutenant Governor’s Inaugural Ceremony.............................................. 10:30 a.m.
The Capitol, Harrisburg

The Governor’s Inaugural Ceremony ................................................................ 11:30 a.m.
The Capitol, Harrisburg

The Inaugural Parade .................................................................................... 1:30 p.m.
The Capitol, Harrisburg

The Inaugural Gala Concert ......................................................................... 7:00 p.m.
Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg

The Inaugural Ball ......................................................................................... 9:00 p.m.
Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2003

The Governor’s Open House ........................................................................ 11:00 a.m.
The Governor’s Residence, Harrisburg
The Inaugural Committee

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Kathie Schue
Office Set-up

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Housing Assistant

Rendell Inaugural Production Staff

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Event Producer – Gala

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