

TABLET DEDICATED HONORING MONROE

Ceremony at Fredericksburg Marks Inauguration of Fifth President.

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Fredericksburg, Va., April 23.—A bronze tablet commemorating James Monroe's inauguration in 1817 was unveiled here this afternoon on the 173d anniversary of the fifth President's birth, accompanied by impressive ceremonies in which leading members of the National Woman's Party, donors of the memorial, took part.

Mrs. Rose Gouverneur Hoes, great granddaughter of the author of the Monroe Doctrine, and her son, Laurance Hoes, accepted the tablet on behalf of the shrine.

* The principal address was delivered by Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, of Washington, chairman of the National Woman's Party, which established headquarters in the old brick Capitol, where the tablet was erected, memorializing Monroe's inauguration. It was at this building, used as the Capitol after the burning by British of the present structure, that Monroe set the precedent for the outdoor inaugural ceremonies.

President Hoover sent a bouquet of pink carnations and a letter expressing regrets that he was unable to attend the ceremony. The letter was read by W. A. Bell, member of the Fredericksburg Common Council. Fredericksburg was represented, in the absence of Mayor Jere M. H. Willis, by Chester B. Goolrick, newspaper editor, who, in a brief address, outlined Monroe's career here as a young lawyer and common councilman. The author of the doctrine bearing his name was born in Westmoreland County, 40 miles from here, near the birthplaces of his predecessors, Washington and Madison.