

# FIRST WOMAN TO BE MADE GOVERNOR!

INA WATERSHED moment Jane Swift became the first female Governor of Massachusetts yesterday, *writes our political editor, April 11, 2001.*

She succeeds former governor Paul Cellucci after he was appointed ambassador to Canada by President George W. Bush. At 36, Swift is the youngest governor in the United States.

In a special ceremony at the Massachusetts State House, Cellucci handed over several symbols of the state's highest office: a pewter key, a set of statutes from



1860 and a gavel from the celebrated warship *USS Constitution*.

“Transmitted to her excellency Jane Maria Swift on the 10th day of April 2001,” Cellucci said. “Thank you for being at my side and good luck leading our great commonwealth.” When Cellucci reached the word “her” he was interrupted by cheers and applause. Swift’s only words during the ceremony were: “Thank you.”

In June, Swift, who grew up in North Adams, expects to become the first state governor in history to give birth while in office, expecting twins.