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I love the Senate and as I read George Washington's words on the floor of the Senate — a body that can and should be the conscience of the nation — and think of the attack on the same Senate on January 6, 2021,

We can be the great nation that President Washington envisioned. More than that we have to be. All of us should read his words. Consider the history of our country both good and bad — and then commit to the good.

I felt honored to finish my 48 years here giving this speech which more than anything says why it is a privilege to serve our country but also being a duty to serve it to the best of our ability as President Washington did.