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I humbly thank my colleagues, my country, for the honor of this day—when but save a few, all the Nation's Capital is paralyzed by a snow storm—to re-deliver this landmark of history.

As I read these words, I am reminded that the wisdom of this great man added to the wisdom of our founding fathers, produced a charter of government—the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights—which remains today the oldest continually surviving democratic republic on earth. This wisdom has withstood the test of time while all other forms of government extant in 1776 have fallen into the dust bin of history.

Respectfully, John Warner, Virginia