I am honored to be
the first Nebraska senator
in more than sixty years to
be selected to carry on the
century-old Senate tradition
of reading our first President's
farewell speech, an address that
conveys timely wisdom. I am
inspired by his call to always
rise above differences of opinion
to defend and protect our union
because, as he wrote, it is
essential to our strength and
happiness.

Mike Johanns
U.S. Senator Nebraska
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