In accordance with section 2 and
upon appointment by the Vice President,
I had the unusual honor and good fortune
to read in the Senate Chamber today
Washington's Farewell Address to the People
of the United States.

Certainly the elegant usage of language,
As in this message, is a bit rare but
the beauty and meaning will be with
us forever. The words of George
Washington show his unusual perceptions
and his feeling for the enduring nature
of the government that he helped to
form.

I was honored not only to read
his words but to be able to serve in
the framework of the government which he
helped to guide.

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