Today has been a truly significant one for me! It is my understanding that this remarkable event gave me the rare privilege of being the second West Virginian serving in the United States Senate to have read Washington's Farewell Address.

It was so wonderful to have my son, Frank, in the gallery and to have my coworkers in our office staff in attendance.

I shall never forget the words "Citizens, by birth or choice of a common country, that country have right to concentrate their affections in the Address. They are so meaningful."