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Representing the Commonwealth whose citizens first petitioned Congress to commemorate George Washington’s birthday by reading his Farewell Address — and the state from which he led the American Revolution at Valley Forge in the new nation’s darkest hour, I was honored to read that Address this day.

What a fulfillment there has been since the standards of Washington, writing at a time when Washington sat!

May his words invoke the “better angels of our nature” to help us revive and live up to those standards of service to the common good.

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