

In accordance with custom 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 lost art but the beauty and meaning will be with us forever. The words of George Washington show his unusual perceptiveness 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 organize.

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