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It is a high honor and tremendous privilege to carry forward an instructive tradition by reading George Washington's Farewell Address to the people of the United States. This reading reminds ^{us} of why George Washington was such a unifying, influential leader of our young Republic. He embodies the character of self-discipline and dignity which remain worthy of emulation for all servants of the people, no matter when called to serve.

And, particularly today with a 50-50 split of Republicans and Democrats in the Senate, his wise advice should guide us to adhere to foundational principles of freedom rather than excessive partisan intractability when deciding issues affecting the people of our country.

Respectfully
Sic Imper Tyrannis!

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