

It has been 60 years since an Ohioan Robert Taft read  
Washington's famous address. I am honored to have been selected  
to carry on this tradition in 1999. Washington's words are timeless.  
He reminds us that the Constitution is the foundation of our ~~system~~  
stresses the importance of the Union. A Union too often we take for granted  
He speaks of political parties "warn of none partyism" that too often  
keeps us from finding ~~doethen~~ that bring us together.

He reminds us that religion and morality are  
indispensable to "public property." He underscores the  
importance of religious obligation to the oaths "which  
are the instruments of investigation in Court of Justice"  
The oaths of judicial system. He refers to ~~with~~ the  
basis of the recent United States Senate trial on  
the Article of impeachment against President Clinton.

He tells us that by investing in our nation's  
defense we will avoid the greater costs of going  
to war. He also cautions us to be very careful  
about incurring public credit; and that once credit  
is incurred the burden should not be thrown  
upon our posterity. He also stresses the  
importance of paying taxes as unpopular as they  
are to the nation's freedom.

He reminds us that our Nation should  
be wary of entangling ourselves in foreign  
alliances and involvements. I suggest he would  
be shocked at the role that the United States play today  
in maintaining world peace. That the nation  
he helped found is the most powerful in the world.

Washington's famous address reminds us of  
how blessed we were by Almighty God. The more  
hard his 45 years of service & leadership, and  
how desperate we need men of his character,  
leadership and patriotism today.  
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