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It was a great honor to read President Washington's Farewell Address for the well of this historic chamber. His words reflect his love and vision for America's future as one nation, one people.

President Washington's admonition to respect the authority and the principles of our Constitution ~~is~~ provides the foundation of our living democracy. He makes clear that democracy should and will change only slowly and shall resist the "enterprises of faction." His are the lessons for the ages.

At this time when our nation and her people have suffered, we must remember that our freedoms are not free. Like Washington and his fellow citizens, we must work for these freedoms, and sadly, some will die defending them. Most importantly, we must stay united in the pursuit of freedom.

God Bless America

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