

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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