

Read according to custom  
and by appointment of Vice President  
Dick Cheney and designation of  
the Republican leader, Mitch  
McConnell.

I am proud to be continuing  
on the Senate's most steadfast  
tradition today with the reading  
of our 47th President's Address.  
By doing so, I am carrying on a  
Tennessee tradition. It was  
Tennessee Senator Andrew Johnson who  
first introduced the practice in the  
Senate as a morale boosting gesture  
during the Civil War. Since then,  
Tennessee Senators Nathan Baxter  
and my predecessor, Bill Frist,  
have also delivered the Address.  
When read today in the Senate,  
these words were ever more

meaningful and impactful. I believe that Washington's words regarding partisan politics are especially true today. We are a country that has "forgotten and triumphed together" and we must never "put in the place of the delegated will of the nation, the will of a party."

Bolton  
USS Treasurer  
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