

Excerpt from Henry Lee's Eulogy for Washington

Henry Lee was selected by Congress to deliver a eulogy on behalf of the nation. Lee delivered the entire speech on December 26, 1799.

First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life. Pious, just, humane, temperate and sincere—uniform, dignified and commanding—his example was as edifying to all around him as were the effects of that example lasting....Correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence and virtue always felt his fostering hand. The purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues....Such was the man for whom our nation mourns.

This excerpt can be found at <http://gwpaers.virginia.edu/exhibits/mourning/response.html>

The entire address is located at <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=llsp&fileName=037/llsp037.db&recNum=199>