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Good evening.

Congressman John Lewis, before his passing, wrote: "Democracy is not a state. It is an act." And what he meant was that America's democracy is not guaranteed. It is only as strong as our _____ to fight for it, to guard it and never take it for _____. And protecting our democracy takes struggle. It takes _____. There is joy in it and there is progress. Because "We The People" have the power to build a better future. And when our very democracy was on the _____ in this election, with the very soul of America at _____, and the world watching, you ushered in a new day for America.

To our campaign staff and volunteers, this extraordinary team — thank you for bringing more people than ever before into the democratic process and for making this victory possible.

To the _____ workers and election officials across our country who have worked tirelessly to make sure every vote is counted — our nation owes you a debt of _____ as you have protected the _____ of our democracy.
And to the American people who make up our beautiful country — thank you for turning out in record numbers to make your voices heard.

I know times have been challenging, especially the last several months. The grief, sorrow, and pain. The worries and the struggles. But we've also witnessed your courage, your _____, and the generosity of your spirit. For four years, you marched and organized for equality and justice, for our lives, and for our planet. And then, you voted. You _____ a clear message. You chose hope, unity, _____, science, and, yes, truth. You chose Joe Biden as the next President of the United States of America.

Joe is a healer. A uniter. A tested and _____ hand. A person whose own experience of loss gives him a sense of purpose that will help us, as a nation, _____ our own sense of purpose. And a man with a big heart who loves with _____. It's his love for Jill, who will be an incredible first lady. It's his love for Hunter, Ashley, his grandchildren, and the entire Biden family. And while I first knew Joe as Vice President, I really got to know him as the father who loved Beau, my dear friend, who we remember here today.

To my husband Doug, our children Cole and Ella, my sister Maya, and our whole family — I love you all more than I can express. We are so grateful to Joe and Jill for welcoming our family into theirs on this incredible journey. And to the woman most responsible for my presence here today — my mother, Shyamala Gopalan Harris, who is always in our hearts. When she came here from India at the age of 19, maybe she didn't quite imagine this moment. But she believed so deeply in an America where a moment like this is possible.

So, I'm thinking about her and about the generations of women — Black Women. Asian, White, Latina, and Native American women throughout our nation's history who have _____ the way for this moment tonight. Women who fought and sacrificed so much for equality, _____, and justice for all, including the Black women, who are too often overlooked, but so often prove that they are the _____ of our democracy. All the women who worked to secure and protect the right to vote for over a century: 100 years ago with the 19th Amendment, 55 years ago with the Voting Rights Act, and now, in 2020, with a new generation of women in our country who _____ their ballots and continued the fight for their fundamental right to vote and be heard.

Tonight, I _____ on their struggle, their determination and the strength of their vision — to see what can be _____ by what has been — I stand on their shoulders. And what a testament it is to Joe's character that he had the _____ to break one of the most substantial barriers that exists in our country and select a woman as his vice president. But while I may be the first woman in this office, I won't be the last. Because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities. And to the children of our country, _____ of your gender, our country has sent you a clear message: Dream with ambition, lead with _____, and see yourself in a way

that others might not see you, simply because they've never seen it before. And we will _____ you every step of the way.

To the American people: No matter who you voted for, I will _____ to be the vice president that Joe was to President Obama — loyal, honest, and prepared, waking up every day thinking of you and your families. Because now is when the real work begins. The hard work. The necessary work. The good work. The _____ work to save lives and beat this pandemic. To rebuild our economy so it works for working people. To _____ out systemic racism in our justice system and society. To _____ the climate crisis. To unite our country and _____ the soul of our nation. The road ahead will not be easy. But America is ready. And so are Joe and I. We have elected a president who represents the best in us. A leader the world will respect and our children can look up to. A commander in chief who will respect our troops and keep our country safe. And a president for all Americans.

It is now my great honour to introduce the president-elect of the United States of America, Joe Biden.