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AND ENTERS HER AT PANTHEON

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Dear Presidents,
Ladies and gentlemen, Heads of Government,
Ladies and gentlemen, in your ranks and qualities,
“We will never be able to measure the sufferings. So profound, so violent, of those that break a soul - whether it be the dark experience of the death camps where her beloved mother Yvonne, her father Andrew, her brother John died; Later the accidental death of his sister Madeleine, companion of deportation, and his nephew Luc: of the too precocious death of his son Claude-Nicolas; Lastly, the disappearance of Antony, so present in our thoughts, in our hearts, Antoine the indispensable, Antoine always bubbling with ideas and stories, so gay and so solid.

Nevertheless, neither will we ever be able to weigh the invincible ardor, the deep impulse towards what is right and good, and the untiring energy to make it triumph. Yes, this woman's life offers to our eyes abysses of which she ought not to have returned, and victories that are as brilliant as any that she could have won.

To this mystery of existence, of character, to this mystery which defies common reason and inspires us with so much respect and fascination, we give in France a name, well anchored in our national genius. This name is greatness. This greatness is that of the battles it fought one after the other, sometimes some at the same time as the others, for they were neither more nor less than the combats of the century.

Her commitment to transfer to France, under the status of political refugees, those women who were subjected to rape, hunger and

beating in French prisons in Algeria, was a relentless, generous lucidity, which still amazes us today. His battle to end the sordid and murderous conditions in which abortions were taking place, but also the social hypocrisy that favored them, is part and parcel of our modern history.

Her struggle for Europe was not due to her election as a Member of the European Parliament and then as the first President of the European Parliament. He went back further, in the very intimacy of his existence. It dates back to 1945. The wounds of the deportation were not closed, but this did not prevent it from wanting to re-establish with Germany.

One of his relatives told me this: he never heard Simone VEIL pronounce on Germany and the Germans the slightest bittersweet or hurtful words. She loved Europe, she always defended it. In moments when the country could doubt, or others criticized it, it was there. Because she knew that at the heart of this European dream, there was above all this dream of peace and freedom for which she fought so hard.

It did not, however, make oblivion, and still less pardon for the executioners, the condition of this reconciliation. On the contrary. Because it held that memory is there so that the inconceivable does not happen again, and not to lessen the horror. I see here, in this court, so many companions of his fights carried out for so many years when too many were ready to say nothing. As president of the Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah, she observed this line of a total demand. To yield nothing to oblivion, to give substance to every trace, to restore faces and names and to reconcile.

Other battles - so many of them - come to mind such as the ratification of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the United Nations forum, social protection, Valery GISCARD D'ESTAING, Jacques CHIRAC, François MITTERRAND and Edouard BALLADUR, the human rights in Yugoslavia and everywhere, always its struggle for women, its commitment to racism and anti-Semitism. Times, alas, gave him many reasons to engage with force.

But there is still more. These battles, it often took them before society and morals did them, before the majority adopted them. She was often right before the common opinion, and often against her. Simone VEIL was the scout of the Republic, who climbed up alone to the assault of Bastille, which were supposed to be impregnable, and who, nevertheless, took them, and then offered them to us, to us who had not believed that it would be possible, or who By indifference sometimes allowed the scandal to thrive. President Emmanuel MACRON stated.

Today, the Republic prides itself on having fought these fights. But have we always been righteous with this Just One? The salary of his courage was often the venomous hatred of some, the execrable abuse of others. From this she was wounded, but never dejected. She was holding her head, for she knew the solitude of the pioneers, the cruel fate reserved for those who upset the established order and disturbed the general slumber. The victory was at that price, for victory, in truth, was priceless. Freedom was also at that price and Simone VEIL had resolutely chosen him. She knew how to stand at the margins, in that intractable and vigilant insubordination which, when it comes into action, obtains the most beautiful conquests and changes what was believed established for ever. But where did this force come from, the will always to fight for just causes? What was this inner compass which always indicated to him the true path? How is it that she never erred in combat?----------

To this, each one will give his answer according to what he had to know of her. I believe, for my part, that the secret lies in his very early and radical experience of arbitrariness and evil.----------

From this she almost immediately drew an unalterable morality of life. Suffering gives only one right: that of defending the right of the other. Such was his absolute, born of his ineffaceable inner pain: to help, to protect the other, especially the weaker ones. We know it often had the hard tooth with the most powerful. But she was always tender with the weak. She did not defend women because they were women, but because they were humiliated by the power of men. How much remains to be done in this respect as in so many others! How much we still need the capacity for anger and action that led to the end of it! For, do not deceive us, the battles of Simone VEIL are not victories acquired forever, which has made them born again ceaselessly, here or elsewhere today unfortunately in too many places in Europe and in the heart Of our societies.

Intolerance, sectarianism, fanatical or doctrinaire hatred, extremism advancing under the mask of debonair populism, compromises of all sorts with what tramples our humanity remain burning embers ready to rekindle the worst blazes.

The inexorable determination of Simone VEIL to make prevail in all the human, is here our course. Her humanity, moreover, was not reserved to the public sphere. She was irrigating her intimacy with her husband, sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.----------

To the many letters she received where distant correspondents expressed their distress or loneliness, she replied with attention. Sometimes, it is said, it irritated Antoine a little. For this she employed a French language of great elegance, nourished by her lively passion for French literature, a taste inculcated from childhood by her father. He would have been so proud to see his daughter greeted at the Académie Française.----------
When a life is devoted to justice, and especially to justice for the weakest, the most exposed, the most humiliated; When this life is nourished by an unparalleled benevolence towards this humanity, yet it has seen the most hideous face; And when this life chooses to be built under the aegis of the Republic, it is France that is grown up there.----------
You have, Madame, lavished on our old Nation gifts which have made it better and more beautiful. You have thrown into our lives that light which was in you and which nothing and no one could ever take away from you. The French knew it, they understood it. Your greatness made our own. Therefore, it is not only the homage of the Nation that on this mournful day we present to you. It is France and the whole of Europe that bear witness to your struggles. And at the moment you are leaving us, I beg you, madam, to receive the immense gratitude of the French people to one of his beloved children, whose example will never leave us. That is why I decided, in agreement with her family, that Simone VEIL would reside with her husband in the Pantheon.“ President Emmnaneul MACRON concluded

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