

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026

Remarks at a Dedication Ceremony for the Southern Boulevard in Palm Beach, Florida

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The President. That is something that's very special. That was a beautiful introduction, and it was from the heart. I could see that. Sometimes I get introduced not from the heart. We know that. We know about that, Danny. But this was amazing.

To see so many dignitaries, political leaders from Florida and beyond, it's really nice.

Ooh, that looks very nice that you're carrying on you.

[At this point, the President pointed to an audience member.]

That's a—that's beautiful. Thank you. Wow. That's the real deal. Thank you very much. We appreciate it.

All—all top people in this room. Really amazing people. And we have a lot of media back there. We appreciate that you're here. We very much appreciate that you're here.

See, I'm being nice today to the media. *[Laughter]* I think I have—but a very special thanks to State Representative Meg Weinberger. The job she's doing is amazing. And she's going to do very well politically. I used to tell her: "I don't know, that's a tough race. That's a tough race, but go do it." And she did it, and she won. And then a lot of people didn't think she was going to be able to win, beating people that were doing it for a long time. You weren't doing it for a long time, but you've become a veteran very fast, and you've done very well. Congratulations. We appreciate it.

They call her "MAGA Meg." And now, when you have that, you can never lose a race. You can't lose. People just didn't understand that. You can't lose a race—right?—with that.

Florida State Representative Meg Weinberger. No. *[Laughter]*

The President. Thank you, darling. And where's your husband, by the way? Where is he—Eric?

State Rep. Weinberger. My arm candy.

The President. Wow. Great job. Thank you very much for that reference. *[Laughter]* That was a very important reference. Thank you, Eric, very much.

And speaking of Eric, I have Eric Trump right here, who's a great guy. He's a great, young guy, and he's done a fantastic job.

When I'm away—I don't know, I'll—I've looked at—I see things happening all over the world, and him—the whole family has been so terrific, but Eric has been right there at the front, and I appreciate it very much. He's a great boy. We love that boy. We love that boy. Thank you, honey. Appreciate it.

And I'm thrilled to be back in my home State of Florida, and this truly incredible privilege. I moved down here. I love New York, but it was just—it just worked that way.

And you know, we won Florida so—so much and by so big. And it's been—and it continues. It just continues.

We even have Club 47 here. Look at these representatives. Used to be Club 45; then they said, "I think we're going to change it in Club 47." And we're having a good time. Let me tell you, we're doing really—we're doing a job for our country.

We're saving our country, because if they would have gotten in, this country would have been a place known as "Venezuela on steroids." [Laughter] It would have been in big trouble.

So we did—we did a job. And so many of the people—Gina, so many of the people in the room, they helped so much. It's incredible.

So I'm tremendously honored that the main boulevard from Palm Beach International Airport to the beautiful Mar-a-Lago is being renamed in my honor.

That's a very important stretch. A lot of people—a lot of important people—and I don't care if they're important or not, but important and not important people travel on that road. [Laughter]

But I love the people of Florida. I love the entire Palm Beach area. I've been here for a long time, and I want to thank you all for being here. I'll remember this amazing gesture for the rest of my life, and, in particular, Meg and Eric and all of the people that worked so hard for this.

I also want to thank a man who's amazing. He's an administrator. He's one of the most talented people in the country at what he does: Joe Abruzzo. He's here someplace. Joe? What a talented guy. There's nobody better in the whole country at what he does, and what he does is not easy. But everybody respects him, and everybody listens to him, and he's got great values.

But he's got a great sense of design and everything else that you need. You need a lot of capability in that job, and you have every bit of it. Thank you, Joe, very much. I appreciate it. Thank you.

And who is that young lady?

County Administrator Joseph Abruzzo of Palm Beach County, FL. [Inaudible]

The President. Thank you very much. Fantastic. It's good to have you both.

Let me also express my gratitude to all of the members of the Florida House, many of whom I've gotten to know over the years, and the Senate—incredible people; I mean, literally, incredible people—who united behind the legislation granting me this great honor, including the Speaker of the House, Danny Perez, who I think has a hell of a future.

I don't know what you're doing, Danny, but what a future. Wow. Because he has an unlimited political future. But whatever you choose, I'm behind you 100 percent. You know that. Danny, thank you for a great job. Great job.

And State Senate President, Ben Albritton. I want to thank you, Ben. Good job you're doing. You're doing—everybody is respected in this group. You know? They get along down in Florida. Although, I can't say that's necessarily always the case. [Laughter] I guess you probably have a couple of people that you're maybe not as friendly with, but you are great people.

Ben, thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Along with State Representatives Danny Nix, Chuck Brannan, Chip LaMarca, Mike Redondo, Juan Carlos Porras, and State Senator Debbie Mayfield. Thank you all for being here. Thank you. Thank you very much.

And we're also pleased to be joined by many distinguished guests, including Congressman—a friend of mine for a long time—Brian Mast. Thank you, Brian. What a great guy. People love that guy.

And another friend of mine and somebody—I mean, you talk about attorney generals. There's no better attorney general than this one. He better win this race, because I think he's going to. We're four—I'm 407-and-oh, and I gave him my strongest endorsement. And James Uthmeier. So where is James? Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. You're doing good.

How are the polls doing? Pretty good?

Florida State Attorney General James Uthmeier. We're all right.

The President. It's a blowout, but let's not say that. Let's say you're winning by one or losing by one. Doesn't make any difference. Get them out to vote, right? It was an honor to endorse you, and congratulations. Doing a great job.

And I want to thank Ron too, because Ron has been really behind this with Meg and everybody else, and he—he—we did have his backing a hundred percent. I appreciate it. And it's a great honor. Thank you very much. See you.

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson, who I have been with for a long time. Right? I've been with him for a long time, and I appreciate—thanks, Wilton. Appreciate it very much.

Executive director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Dave Kerner, who had so much to do with this. Thank you. Thank you, Dave.

Mayor of Palm Beach Danielle Moore. She's a terrific woman. Where is Danielle? Thank you, Danielle. We're working on a little project. Nice, beautiful, clean, crisp water, right?

Mayor Danielle Hickox Moore of Palm Beach, FL. Yes, sir.

The President. And she's leading it. And she's incredible, just like her mother was incredible and is——

Mayor Moore. She's here too.

The President. Oh, where's mom? I want to see mom. Oh, there she—you look good. You look very good. I haven't seen the—a former mayor of Palm Beach and highly respected.

Who's respected more: you or your mother? I don't know. It's pretty close, right? Pretty close. She says mom is respected more. That's good. That's—a daughter better say that, right?

Thank you, darling. Appreciate it. That's great. Thank you, Danielle. Glad you told me she was here.

Former mayor Lesly Smith is here, who is great and a very—a formerly very good golfer. I think she's still a good golfer. Lesly? Where's Lesly? Thank you very much, Lesly.

Former Mayor Lesly Smith of Palm Beach, FL. Thank you, Mr. President. You're the best.

The President. Thank you. Thank you, darling. I appreciate it. We've known each other for a long time. Incredible people.

And the members of the Palm Beach town council are here. Thank you all very much. You do a great job. You love the town. I love the town too. I had a lot of choice on towns, and I said, "This is the town I want to be in." So I—we all love it.

And it's an honor to have saved Mar-a-Lago. You know, most of these great houses went down. They went down rapidly, and they were subdivided into 25 homes, et cetera, et cetera. And I'll tell you what—this was an honor.

But they like me because I saved the house. Somebody said they like me because you're a great president, but I like you more because I saved Mar-a-Lago. Saving Mar-a-Lago was, to them, more important.

Audience member. Saved America.

The President. Thank you very much. I like you. Thank you very much.

Mayor of Palm Beach County, who I endorsed, by the way, Sara Baxter. Sara? Hi, Sara. Congratulations, Sara.

So we're at 407-and-oh. We have to make sure that you're going to—but I think it's going to work out very well. Congratulations. You had so many people that said, "You've got to be with her." I said: "I am. I am." So good luck with the election. I know it's going to work out very well. Thank you.

Member of the Board of Commissioners Sara Baxter of Palm Beach Country, FL. Thank you so much.

The President. Good luck.

The members of the county commission and the West Palm Beach City Commission, who are unbelievable people. They love the area. They just—they work hard, and they're good. Where are you? Can you raise your hands a little bit? Great. Great, great, great. Great. Thank you. Thank you. Great job you're doing.

You know, we're all working together at this place. We have—we're working on a little water project that, if we can get the water perfect, it will be great. Mayor, you're heading it up from this part of the world. And I know they're working in West Palm Beach and the area, and we'll see whether it's desalinization or filtering. There's a couple of different ways we can do it. But whatever we can do, I think it would be great. We're working along with West Palm Beach also. So thank you, and thank you, Mayor.

Dan Newlin is here, and Gina Loudon is here, and Linda Stoch is here, and Larry and Sue Snowden is—are here. Thank you, Larry and Sue. Thank you.

And basically, just sort of, like, everybody is here, and it's really something special.

We're pleased to be in the same legislation as it renames another section of Southern Boulevard—and a very nice section, indeed; I know it well—in honor of three brave motorcycle deputies from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office who were killed last year in a horrific accident. Horrible. It was a horrible situation.

But I saw a lot of—I saw so much love. I saw everybody in this room was there, plus, plus, plus, at our—we had a ceremony in honor of these three incredible people: Corporal Luis Paez, Jr., who is just—Luis Paez was somebody who was loved and respected by so many people. They all said, "Thank you for being there in honor of her [him; White House correction]." And Deputy Sheriff Ralph "Butch" Waller, Jr., and Deputy Sheriff Ignacio "Dan" Diaz.

The three of them that—what happened to them just was unbelievable. The ceremony was one of the most beautiful and saddest ceremonies that I've ever attended, but I was deeply honored to be there.

On May 1, I bestowed the honor of—first-ever—these were medals that were worked on by my son Eric very hard. We had a great jeweler. Can I say the name of the jeweler? Tiffany. And they—they came up with a—a really incredible medal, and it's called the Medals of Sacrifice. And they did a beautiful job. And it was really led by Eric Trump. So I want to thank you, Eric, too. Thank you.

And unfortunately, when events—certain events happen like that—and they do happen. They do happen. They shouldn't happen, but they do happen. We're going to do the medal ceremony, and it's going to be something special.

So today we pay tribute to them and to those—to the loved ones. Some of their family members are here. We love their family members—what they went through. Those deputies will live in our hearts forever, and Florida will remember them always with the PBSO Motorman Highway. PBSO Motorman Highway. It's a great, beautiful thing. I'm going to see it every time I go up that road.

Today's dedication ceremony for President Donald J. Trump Boulevard has special meaning to me because I've always had the unique bond with the great State of Florida. We had tremendous success here. I've been part of the community for more than 40 years.

We won big here in Florida all three times. We set every record every time. And in 2024 we swept 61 of 67 Florida counties—nobody has ever done that—and carried the State by almost 2 million votes, which is the record. And then I was followed, also, from the Governor's standpoint, with Ron, who did fantastically also. And we really—it's—we've turned this State. There are a few Democrats in this room, so I don't want to get into this. *[Laughter]* But we've turned the state extraordinarily red, I would say. Wouldn't you say? You'll find out. You're going to see.

But over the past 12 months, Florida's trust and confidence has really paid off, because you made a correct choice. One year ago, we were a—I say it—dead country. The King of Saudi Arabia—I was over in Saudi Arabia getting money for the—for the country. He put up \$2 trillion. Gave us—"I'd like to invest in the United States \$2 trillion"—that's a lot of money. And then I went to Qatar, \$2 trillion. And I went to the United Arab Emirates, Mohammed, \$2 trillion. So took in \$6 trillion. That's why we have 18, because we got 6 from three countries. That helps, right?

Laura, is that right? Hi, Laura.

Political activist and internet personality Laura Loomer. Good to see you.

The President. Boy, you are something. What spirit you have. Laura. Laura Loomer. Thank you, honey, for being here. I appreciate it. She's a—you know, she could be a little nasty, but to me, she's always nice. *[Laughter]* So that's all that matters. I want her to stay that way too.

But I was over there, and he looked at me—the King of Saudi Arabia. He said, "You know, I can't believe it." This was a few months ago. Took back all that money for the country. He said, "I can't believe this is happening, because 1 year ago, you were a dead country, and now you're the hottest country in the world." And I use that quote all over. And it's true.

We were a dead country, and now we are the hottest country anywhere in the world. We're taking in more income than any country. We're doing better than any country. The stock market is doing better than anyone has ever seen before. We have the best stock market we've ever seen. 401(k)s are doing better than they've ever done before. They're up 78 percent in many cases.

But starting on day one, we fully secured our Southern Boulevard and stopped the—and think of it: As we were securing Southern Boulevard, making Florida great, we were also securing a thing called the southern border and making that great. And we stopped the invasion of our country. So Florida has been ahead of our time. Florida was ahead. It led the way. But we stopped the—this was an invasion on our border.

And you know, I don't know if this is correct, because it can't be correct—it's too good. But for the last 8 months, there have been no people that came into our country illegally. Now, I don't know if that's possible. How do you go from 25 million people in 4 years to zero people? But the people—Wilton, the people that report this are Democrats. So it must be true. I mean, they got

to—but there's like eight months now, and they report it every month. No people came into our country—so, I don't know—illegally. A lot of people are coming in legally. They're going through a process, but we don't want the illegal coming in.

You look at what's happening in Minnesota. It's so sad. And it's so sad because ICE—you know, ICE is taking out murderers. They're taking out drug lords. They're taking out people from mental institutions, bringing them back to their country. They're taking out the roughest people—Tren de Aragua. The jails are emptied out from Venezuela.

Now, I like Venezuela very much. *[Laughter]* I say good things. I don't talk about Venezuela in a negative. I think it's a wonderful country. We just—we just were—it's very interesting. It was—it's so much different. It's changed so much in literally a week.

It was one of the great military maneuvers of all time. It was, like, flawless. It was one of the great of all time.

But we're dealing with the new President. We're doing—dealing with a lot of the people that were running the country. And they had—our first thing is they said, "We have 50 million barrels." Hard to believe, Eric. *[Laughter]* I said, "Is there such a thing as 50 million barrels?" Fifty million barrels of oil. "And we have to get it processed immediately, because we have no room. Will you take it?" I said, "We'll take it."

I didn't have to consult with anybody on that. I didn't have to call up our great Attorney General. I said, "We will take it." And it's the equivalent of \$5.2 billion. That was the first day. And it's now traveling nicely to the United States.

And we've had a great relationship with the people that—that are currently the—they call—they say the Interim President and everybody else. And it's been—I think a lot of pressure has been released. Because, you know, that was a great country 20 years ago, and then it went bad because it had the wrong system. It had a bad system. And we can't ever fall into a position we have that—where we have that system, because that system isn't going to work. That system can make a lot of people that are good people bad people or incompetent people.

But we passed the largest tax cuts in history, the largest regulatory cuts in history, and the largest spending cuts in history. And that got done. We call it the "Great Big Beautiful Bill." We have no tax on tips, no tax on Social Security, no tax on overtime. People that buy a car, they get a deduction now on their interest, if they buy a car and borrow money. It never happened before.

You know, rich people got used to taking deductions. People in middle class situations or lower than middle class, they never got deductions on anything. They—and now, I think it's going to have a huge impact.

We're building more factories in the United States now than at any time in our history, and we have \$18 trillion being invested. We have 18—think of that: \$18 trillion more than any country has ever had, by five times. Think of that. There's never been anything even close. Three trillion is the record. We're going to be, I think, at over 18. Through 10 months, it was 18. We could crack 20 by the time we have our first year, which will be in a little while—January 20. So I just—I mean, it's been—it's been amazing.

We also did a couple of other things. Critical race theory and transgender insanity is out of our schools and out of our lives. And we got men out of women's sports—officially out of women's sports. And everyone said, well, that's an 80/20 issue. No, that's a 98/2 issue. I don't even think it's 98/2.

Military recruitment is setting records. A year ago—and now you have to go a year and a half ago, I guess—but a year ago, military recruitment was at an alltime low, and that included for

police and firemen. And now military recruitment, police, and firemen is the highest it's ever been. We have never had this many people apply for jobs. We've never seen anything like it.

And we hire now on a merit-based system, because we won the court case—the Supreme Court case. Everything is based now on merit. So we get people in merit, as opposed to putting people in jobs that maybe shouldn't be there. Whether it's nice or not, it's how our country grew. It's how our country became great. So we have a merit-based system.

In less than a year, we made eight peace deals and ended the war in Gaza. We have peace in the Middle East. Nobody thought that was going to be possible. We stopped India and Pakistan from fighting—two nuclear nations. They say many millions of people. The Pakistani Prime Minister said, "Donald Trump saved at least 10 million people." And it was amazing, and it's an honor.

And we obliterated Iran's nuclear enrichment capacity with Operation Midnight Hammer. That was another operation that was incredible. And then you have al-Baghdadi we got out. That's the founder of ISIS, was rebuilding ISIS. We got him.

And Soleimani, he's the one—the roadside bomb. And frankly, he was a strong general, and maybe we wouldn't have been so successful—I think we would have, but maybe we wouldn't have been so successful in Iran had he been around. But he destroyed a lot of lives. And lot of young people that walk around with no legs, no arms, a face that was just—you know, just smashed. He was the father of the roadside bomb, and he knew how to do it. We got him.

And as I announced earlier this month from right here at Mar-a-Lago, we apprehended the outlaw known as dictator Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela for his crimes against the United States and the rest of the world. And actually, no other nation in the world could have done that, and they actually admit that. There's no other nation could have done what we did a week ago.

Every single day of my administration, I will continue to put America first and fight for the great State of Florida. I love this State. Special place. I don't know, it's just special. You know it. I know it. A lot of people know because a lot of people are coming here.

So that when people see that the beautiful sign is all lit up nice at night and it says "Donald J. Trump Boulevard," they'll be filled with pride. Just pride. Not in me; pride in our country, pride in this state. Because our nation will be stronger, richer, and more successful, which is what it is right now. We're stronger, richer, and more successful than we have ever been before.

And I didn't know—the big surprise is that we could do it this quickly. I thought it would take us a couple of years, maybe, but we did it very quickly. I mean, it's been 11 months, and we've never had anything like it.

More factories, more everything. There's never been anything like w—like what we've done. And that means car factories too, not just the AI. The AI is unbelievable, what's happening there. We're leading China by a lot. But we're building more car factories than at any time in the history of our country. Who would think that?

And that's largely because of tariffs. They don't want to pay the tariffs. It's a pretty simple formula, you know? China became powerful because of that. They don't want to pay the tariff. But it only works, really, here. It works best here. What a lot of people don't understand: It doesn't work in most countries, but here it works great.

So, because of that, we have more things happening than we've ever had, and I think you're going to see an explosion. You already see it, in all fairness, but this next year could be just an explosion of success.

So, once again, I want to express my gratitude to every official who contributed to this great honor, in particular Meg, who's an incredible—what a future. She's got a good future too, Danny, huh? Huh? Come here.

And I want to thank especially my son, and I want to thank the great people of Florida. This is just an amazing day for me, and it's an amazing place. And we're going to have three more great years, but hopefully we're going to have many, many decades of greatness in this country. And we have it off to the right start.

Thank you all very much. What an honor. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you very much. Good luck. Thank you, fellas. Appreciate it.

[The President addressed State Rep. Weinberger.]

Want to—oh. Wow, that's—

State Rep. Weinberger. Do we just like—any special way?

The President. Okay.

State Rep. Weinberger. You've done this before, haven't you?

[The President and State Rep. Weinberger unveiled a sign that read "President Donald J. Trump Boulevard."]

The President. Wow. That's a serious sign. *[Laughter]*

Wilton, do you want to come up here? You—look at that. Come on. I don't know if you're going to compete with it, Wilton. This is—all of a sudden, you're looking a little bit—a little bit squeezey here. Huh?

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson. Here you go—

The President. Let's see. Good.

State Rep. Weinberger. We had these made for you.

[The President was presented with a plaque.]

The President. Oh, that's great. Wow. I love that.

"Greatest President in our lifetime." Wilton, how old are you? That's not very long. *[Laughter]*

Commissioner Simpson. I'll be 60, Mr. President.

The President. And you do a great job, too.

Commissioner Simpson. Thank you, sir.

The President. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

Thank you. Okay? Thank you, Wilton.

Thank you all very much.

You know, we have a wedding here now. So they said, "Sir, is there any way you can move it quickly?" I said: "I'm not moving it quickly. We're not"—and the people getting married are outside, and they said, "Take your time, sir. This is an honor." So it's sort of cute.

Have a good time. Thank you, everybody. Thank you. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:43 p.m. at the Mar-a-Lago Club. In his remarks, he referred to Gina Loudon, anchor and cohost, Real America's Voice "Sunrise America" program, in her former capacity as national cochair of the Women for Trump coalition; Gov. Ronald D. DeSantis of Florida; Daniel J. Newlin, injury attorney, Newlin Law; Linda Stoch, member of the board of trustees, Florida Atlantic University, in her capacity as vice president of Club 47 USA; Larry Snowden, president, and Sue Snowden, secretary-treasurer, Club 47 USA; King Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia; President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of the United Arab Emirates; Interim President Delcy Rodriguez Gomez of Venezuela; Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of Pakistan; and former President Nicolas Maduro Moros of Venezuela, who was captured, along with his wife Cilia Flores, in a U.S. military operation in Caracas, Venezuela, on January 3 and exfiltrated to the U.S. for criminal processing in New York City. He also referred to Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist organization.

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