

States of America. We thank you for your sacrifices. We thank you for supporting the Armed Forces. And we ask for God's blessings on you and your family.

And now I ask Lieutenant Colonel Floyd to please read the citations.

*[At this point, Lt. Col. Samuel Floyd, USA, Army Aide to the President, read the citations, and the President presented the awards.]*

Thank you all for coming. I wish Laura were here to have been able to greet you. She would be just as impressed as I am today by the wonderful stories and the

great compassion of our recipients who, I know if they had to give a speech, would say they just—they're just doing what they love to do, and they represent thousands who are doing the same thing.

We're honored that you've joined us. May God bless you all. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:57 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Jeanine McDermott, wife of Capt. Michael McDermott, USA. The Military Spouse Day proclamation of May 9 is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Statement on the Commencement Ceremonies at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia *May 11, 2007*

Today and tomorrow students of Virginia Tech will rise to receive the diplomas they have earned through years of hard work. They can be proud of their academic accomplishments and excited about the opportunities their degrees have opened up for them.

Laura and I salute the Virginia Tech class of 2007. We also remember the students and teachers whose lives were taken last month. They will always hold a special place in the hearts of this graduating class and an entire nation.

Over the past month, our country has witnessed the compassion and resilient spirit of the community at Virginia Tech. That spirit is on display this weekend in Blacksburg, where thousands of friends and family members have gathered to celebrate commencement and pray for this remarkable school. Our Nation joins them in prayer. And on this special occasion, Laura and I send our love and heartfelt wishes to the entire Hokie family.

## The President's Radio Address *May 12, 2007*

Good morning. Next week, the Senate will take up an important priority for our Nation: comprehensive immigration reform.

Over the past few weeks, leaders from both parties have met at the White House and on Capitol Hill to find areas of agree-

ment and iron out our differences. These meetings have been productive. We've been addressing our differences in good faith, and we're building consensus. Both Republicans and Democrats understand