

through the night as so many of you passed by to pay your respects; how thousands of you—sailors and civilians—lined the streets of this base as you gave Scott back to the city he loved. That's what you did, that's what you do, not only for Scott, but for all the fallen warriors you bring home.

It's the story of how that procession retraced the steps of Scott's life, past the Jacksonville veterans memorial that now bears his name, past the church where he worshiped, the high school where he excelled, and Cecil Field where he served.

It's the story of how Jacksonville seemed to come to a standstill as people lined street after street to honor one of their own: Scott's friends but also total strangers, police and firefighters standing at attention, small children holding American flags, graying veterans giving a firm salute. And then, as Scott was finally laid to rest, a final fitting tribute, his old squadron roared overhead, high across the sky.

That's the spirit we see here today. You, men and women devoted to each other and to your country, and a proud country devoted to you. The example you set for all of us, That if you can come together, from every corner of America, every color, faith, creed, every background and belief, to take care of each other and to serve together, to succeed together, then so can we all. So can America.

So thank you for your service. And thank you for reminding us of the country we can and must always be. God bless you, Jacksonville. And God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:29 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Rear Adm. Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander, USN, commander, Navy Region Southwest; and Capt. John C. Scorby, Jr., USN, commanding officer, and Command Master Chief Jeffrey S. Hudson, USN, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL.

## Statement on the 15th Anniversary of the Jordan-Israel Peace Treaty October 26, 2009

Today marks the anniversary of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel, signed 15 years ago near the Israeli-Jordanian border. As we honor this historic event, we remember that peace is always possible despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. The courage of King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin demonstrated that a commitment to communication, cooperation, and genuine reconciliation

can help change the course of history. Today we honor the foresight of these leaders who stared down the past's doubters and stood together in the interest of common progress. As we work with Arabs and Israelis to expand the circle of peace, we take inspiration from what Jordan and Israel achieved 15 years ago, knowing that the destination is worthy of the struggle.

## Remarks at a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Reception in Miami, Florida October 26, 2009

*The President.* Hello, Miami. Thank you, guys. This is a pretty enthusiastic crowd here.

*Audience member.* I love you, man!

*The President.* I love you back. What did Bill Nelson say to you all to get you just—[ap-*plause*]? All right, I can tell this is a somewhat informal crowd here. [Laughter] Nevertheless,

there are some formal acknowledgements that I want to make.

First of all, one of the greatest partners I could ever ask for in turning this country around—we are so proud of her—please give a huge round of applause to Nancy Pelosi. She's got a pretty impressive team: one guy