

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:06 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. The transcript released by the Office of the Press

Secretary also included the remarks of Vice President Joe Biden.

Statement on National Girls and Women in Sports Day *February 3, 2010*

National Girls and Women in Sports Day is a time for us all to commemorate the participation of women and girls in sports and athletics and celebrate their achievements. Women compete at all levels today, in large part due to the foundation laid by title IX, which has done

much to advance the number of women taking part in collegiate athletic programs and has increased access to the classroom. Today, as we celebrate, we must also recognize that more needs to be done, and we should recommit ourselves to achieving true equality for all.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on North Korea *February 3, 2010*

Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Pursuant to section 1255 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, I am providing a classified report prepared by my Administration. This report includes information on our examination of the conduct of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) from June 26, 2008, through Novem-

ber 16, 2009, and concludes that the DPRK does not meet the statutory criteria to again be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate.

Remarks at the National Prayer Breakfast *February 4, 2010*

Thank you so much. Heads of state, Cabinet members, my outstanding Vice President, Members of Congress, religious leaders, distinguished guests, Admiral Mullen: It’s good to see all of you. Now, let me begin by acknowledging the cochairs of this breakfast, Senators Isakson and Klobuchar, who embody the sense of fellowship at the heart of this gathering. They’re two of my favorite Senators. Let me also acknowledge the Director of my faith-based office, Joshua DuBois, who is here. Where’s Joshua? He’s out there somewhere. He’s doing great work.

I want to commend Secretary Hillary Clinton on her outstanding remarks and her outstanding leadership at the State Department.

She’s doing good every day. I’m especially pleased to see my dear friend Prime Minister Zapatero, and I want him to relay America’s greetings to the people of Spain. And, Johnny, you are right, I am deeply blessed, and I thank God every day for being married to Michelle Obama.

Now, I’m privileged to join you once again, as my predecessors have for over half a century. And like them, I come here to speak about the ways my faith informs who I am as a President and as a person. But I’m also here for the same reason that all of you are, for we all share a recognition—one as old as time—that a willingness to believe, an openness to grace, a