

lending into law. That's how we can continue to move our economy forward, to continue on the path from recession to recovery, but also ultimately to prosperity.

Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:02 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Robert Pancake II and

Steven Wheat, managing partners of the Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar franchise group High 5 LLC; Terry Haney, general manager, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar restaurant in Dover, DE; and Prachee J. Devadas, founder, CEO, and president, Synergy Enterprises, Inc., and her husband Anand Devadas. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Statement on the Flash Flooding Near Langley, Arkansas *June 11, 2010*

Michelle and I would like to extend heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives during this horrible flash flood, and we offer our prayers for those who anxiously await news of loved ones still missing. State and local first-responders continue their critical lifesaving efforts on the ground. I have instructed FEMA to be in close contact with Arkansas Emergency Management officials and

to report back concerning any unmet needs, and I will ensure that FEMA continues to coordinate with our State and local partners throughout this tragedy. When natural disasters strike, our first-responders are on the frontlines providing emergency assistance and keeping our communities safe. Many of them are showing true bravery today, and for that I thank them.

Statement on Philippine Independence Day *June 11, 2010*

On behalf of the American people, I send my best wishes to all those who celebrate the 112th Anniversary of Philippine Independence Day, here in America, in the Philippines, and around the world. Our two countries share a common history and values, and we continue to partner to promote peace and development. Here in

America, many Americans can trace their roots to the Philippines, and they are all an important part of the American identity. I am confident that our nations, sharing in our democratic principles, will continue our strong friendship and cooperation.

Statement on Russia Day *June 11, 2010*

On behalf of the American people, I extend my best wishes to all those who observe Russia Day. On June 12, 1992, the first Congress of the Russian Federation declared a new sovereign nation. But the relationship between our peoples goes back much further. This year, we celebrated the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II, and it was the joint Allied forces that defeated fascism. Today, our two nations

continue in our strong partnership, mutual respect, and friendship, and I am proud of the new START Treaty and our joint efforts to reduce our nuclear arsenals. Beyond that, our two nations continue to expand our commercial and economic ties. Here in America, many Americans can trace their origins to Russia, and all of them are an important part of our national identity.