

And being with families like all of yours gives me great confidence in the future.

So thank you very much, everybody. Appreciate it.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:10 p.m. at the Southampton Recreation Association. In his re-

marks, he referred to Matthew Perry, president of the board of directors, Southampton Recreational Association, his wife Stephanie, and their children Matthew and Lucy; retired nurse Virginia Shelton of Ashland, VA; Rep. Eric Cantor; and Gov. Robert F. McDonnell of Virginia. He also referred to his mother-in-law Marian Robinson.

## Statement on House of Representatives Passage of Legislation To Provide Health Care Services and Compensation for 9/11 Victims *September 29, 2010*

We will never forget the searing images of September 11, 2001. And we will never forget the selfless courage demonstrated by the firefighters, police officers, and first-responders who risked their lives to save others. In the face of unspeakable brutality and evil, these brave men and women demonstrated the enduring strength of our values and the American spirit. Many who survived did not emerge from the dust and debris unscathed, facing continuing health problems as a result of their service. The “James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act” would ensure that rescue and recovery

workers, residents, students, and others suffering from health consequences related to the World Trade Center disaster have access to the medical monitoring and treatment they need. It is a critical step for those who continue to bear the physical scars of those attacks. I applaud the House for its support of this bill and for standing up on behalf of these heroes who served our country in its time of greatest need. I look forward to Congress completing consideration of this legislation so I can sign it into law.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 847.

## Statement on Senate Action on Immigration Reform Legislation *September 30, 2010*

I was pleased to see that Senator Menendez introduced a bill in the Senate to fix our Nation’s broken immigration system. I look forward to reviewing it in detail, and I’m pleased that the bill includes important building blocks laid out in the bipartisan framework presented earlier this year addressing the urgent need for reform. Senator Menendez and others in Congress have shown critical leadership on this issue, which is vital to moving this debate forward. As I told Senator Menendez and other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus when we met a couple of weeks ago, we cannot continue to allow partisan politics and divisive rhetoric to dominate and delay action on this

critical issue. The American people expect their elected officials from both parties to work together to tackle the greatest challenges confronting our Nation, and that’s what fixing the broken immigration system is all about. The status quo is simply unacceptable for both our economy and our security. Comprehensive immigration reform would provide lasting and dedicated resources for our border security, while restoring accountability and responsibility to the broken system. I look forward to working with members of both parties to get this done.

NOTE: The statement referred to S. 3932.