

there is a political will to cooperate in this matter as well as on many others.

*President Obama.* I didn't comment on the extradition issue. Let me just emphasize [that] we have made a request for extradition [intend to seek the extradition of those involved].<sup>o</sup> I think beyond that it's probably not appropriate to comment. Okay? But we expect the full weight of the law to be brought against this perpetrator.

Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President's news conference began at 1:17 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, the President referred to Col. Muammar Abu Minyar al-Qadhafi,

leader of Libya; Mark Sanchez, quarterback, National Football League's New York Jets; and Julian Zapata Espinoza, suspected gunman in the death of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Jaime Zapata. President Calderon referred to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the 16th session, held in Cancun, Mexico, from November 19 through December 10, 2010, and the 17th session, scheduled to meet in Durban, South Africa, from November 28 through December 9. President Calderon spoke in Spanish, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

## Remarks During a Tour of Miami Central High School in Miami, Florida March 4, 2011

Thank you so much, everybody. Look, I could not be prouder of you. I couldn't be prouder of your teacher and your principal. The reason we came down here is because this is a model of what's possible in so many schools across the country that were having trouble just a few years ago. Because of great leadership, we've been able to turn it around. And I can just tell that the way everybody is presenting themselves and the seriousness with which

you take your work, you guys are all going to succeed, and you'll help our country succeed too.

So all right? Keep it up. Okay.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:25 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Renina Turner, principal, Miami Central High School. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## Remarks to an Overflow Crowd at Miami Central High School in Miami March 4, 2011

What's up, Rockets? How are you? Well, thank you. It is great to see all of you. I am thrilled to be here at Miami Central. [*Applause*] That's all right, I'm excited too.

Listen, I just want to—[*applause*—]—thank you. I'm not going to give a long speech here because I'm going to give a long speech in the gymnasium. But since we couldn't seat everybody in there, I wanted to make sure that I came by and just said to all of you how very proud we are of the work that you guys have been doing.

You know, just a few years ago, this school was really in trouble. And a lot of young people, they were seeing their futures slip away because they were dropping out, they weren't focused. And the turnaround that's been accomplished here is the reason that I wanted to come here, because what you guys are doing is not only helping to shape your future and ensuring your long-term success, but what it's also doing is it's sending a message to kids all across the country that there's nothing we can't accomplish when we put our minds to it.

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<sup>o</sup> White House correction.

So my main message to all of you is going to be, I need you to keep on working hard. I need you to keep on taking pride in your school. I need you guys to keep on listening to your teachers and working hard. If you do, I'm confident you're going to be successful. And you will continue to be role models for young peo-

ple who are coming up here in Miami-Dade, but also young people all across the country.

All right? So thank you, guys. I appreciate you. I love you. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:39 p.m. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## Remarks at Miami Central High School in Miami March 4, 2011

*The President.* Hello, Rockets! Thank you! Thank you, everybody. Everybody, have a seat. It is good to be here today. I'm excited! I am thrilled to be here, Rockets. *Bonsua.* It is good to see all of you.

I want to first of all thank somebody who I think is going to end up being one of the best Education Secretaries that we've ever had, Arne Duncan, for being here. We also have—your Congresswoman, Frederica Wilson, is here. Give her a big round of applause.

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz is here. Give her a big round of applause. Your outstanding school superintendent, Alberto Carvalho, give him a big round of applause. And a very, very impressive principal, Renina Turner, give it up for Ms. Turner.

I gather we also have some members of the football team here. I understand you guys were State champs, is that right? They look pretty big. *[Laughter]* And some of them aren't smiling, you know—*[laughter]*—they've got their game face on.

We are also honored to be joined here today by another champion of education reform, somebody who championed reform when he was in office, somebody who is now championing reform as a private citizen, Jeb Bush. And we're grateful for him being here. Aside from being a former Governor of this great State, Jeb, of course, is best known as the brother of Marvin Bush. *[Laughter]* Apparently, the rest of the family also did some work back in Washington back in the day. *[Laughter]*

The truth is I've gotten to know Jeb because his family exemplifies public service. And we

are so grateful to him for the work that he's doing on behalf of education. So thank you, Jeb.

Now, I just had a chance to take a tour here at Miami Central—*[applause]*—and met your outstanding principal, Ms. Turner. I talked to some of the great students who are here. We went through a lab. They had robots; they had computers and vectors and this and that. And I was a little confused, but I nodded, pretending like I understood what was going on. *[Laughter]* And it's inspiring to think about where you were just a few years ago and then where you are today, right? You came together to turn this school around.

*Audience members.* Yes, we did.

*The President.* And I think the rest of us can learn something from that, because that's what we're going to need to do all across the country right now.

We are at a pivotal turning point. We just came through a tough recession that's taken a big toll on families here in Florida and all across the country. And to accelerate our recovery in the short term, we took some essential steps to spur hiring and economic growth, including tax cuts that are making Americans' paychecks bigger and letting businesses write off their investments—

*[At this point, the President coughed.]*

—excuse me. And I'm proud that Republicans and Democrats came together to get that done.

And you're already seeing those steps make a difference. This morning we learned that the unemployment rate fell to its lowest level in