

*The President.* Appreciate you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:58 p.m. at Facebook, Inc., headquarters. In his remarks, he referred to Sheryl K. Sandberg, chief oper-

ating officer, Facebook, Inc.; Andrew S. Grove, senior adviser, cofounder, and former chief executive officer, Intel Corp.; and Supreme Court Associate Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia M. Sotomayor.

## Statement on the First Anniversary of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill *April 20, 2011*

One year ago today, the Deepwater Horizon oil platform exploded, killing 11 men and ultimately releasing an estimated 4.9 million barrels of oil in the Gulf of Mexico. That catastrophic event deeply affected the lives of millions of Americans, from local fishermen to restaurant and hotel owners and small businesses throughout the region. From the beginning, my administration brought every available resource to bear, amassing the largest oil spill response in our Nation's history. At the height of the response, approximately 48,000 men and women worked tirelessly to mitigate the worst impacts of the spill. While we've made significant progress, the job isn't done.

Nearly 2,000 responders are actively working in the Gulf to aid in the ongoing recovery efforts. We continue to hold BP and other responsible parties fully accountable for the damage they've done and the painful losses that they've caused. We're monitoring seafood

to ensure its continued safety and implementing aggressive new reforms for offshore oil production in the Gulf so that we can safely and responsibly expand development of our own energy resources. And EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson is leading a task force to coordinate the long-term restoration effort based on input from local scientists, experts, and citizens.

The events that unfolded on April 20, 2010, and the oil spill that followed underscores the critical link between the environment and economic health of the Gulf. My administration is committed to doing whatever is necessary to protect and restore the Gulf Coast. Today we remember the 11 lives lost as a result of this tragic event and thank the thousands of responders who worked to mitigate this disaster. But we also keep a watchful eye on the continuing and important work required to ensure that the Gulf Coast recovers stronger than before.

## Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in San Francisco, California *April 20, 2011*

Thank you. Everybody, sit down. Have a seat.

I know all of you wish that Stevie would just keep on playing. [*Laughter*] I understand that, and I can relate to it. I was mentioning to Marc—and I hate to do this to you, Stevie, because I'm dating you a little bit—but the first album that I ever bought with my own little spending money was "Talking Book." I was 10 years old. I was 10 years old, and I would sit in my room, and I had this old phonograph, and the earphones were, like, really big. You didn't have the little iPod buds. They covered your whole ear. And I would sit in my room and pre-

tend I was Stevie Wonder. [*Laughter*] And unfortunately, my grandparents, who were—I was living with at the time—they had to suffer hearing me sing. I couldn't hear myself sing. I was just hearing Stevie, and I figured I sounded just like him. [*Laughter*] But I'm sure that was not the case.

Anyway, Stevie and Will.i.am have both been huge supporters, huge friends from very early on in this campaign process. And so it's wonderful to have them here. But I want to most of all thank Marc and Lynne and Leia for sharing their homes. This is an incredible setting, but