servation Council (formerly the Sporting Conservation Council) and former president of the conservation organization Ducks Unlimited.

Statement on Lithuanian National Day
February 16, 2011

I send my best wishes to all those who are observing Lithuania's national day. Lithuanians have inspired the world by building a vibrant democracy and free market economy. Here in America, those who trace their roots to Lithuania have enriched all walks of our national life. As close allies, the United States and Lithuania have an unwavering commitment to our common security, and our partnership will only grow stronger in the years to come.

Statement on Kosovo Independence Day
February 17, 2011

I join all Americans in extending my best wishes to all those who are celebrating Kosovo's Independence Day. This is a time both to reflect upon Kosovo's long struggle for independence and to look forward to a future of greater security and prosperity for all of Kosovo's citizens. In America, those who have roots and family in Kosovo can be proud of the tremendous progress the country has made in its first 3 years of independence. I am confident that the friendship between our nations will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Remarks at Intel Corporation in Hillsboro, Oregon
February 18, 2011

Thank you. Everybody, please have a seat. Thank you so much. I am thrilled to be here. I want to first of all thank Paul for that introduction, and I want to thank Paul for agreeing to be part of our administration's new Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. I look forward to our continuing conversations when we meet next week.

I also want to acknowledge a wonderful Governor, Governor Kitzhaber, who's here. Thank you so much for all the work that you're doing. And the mayor of Hillsboro, Jerry Willey, thank you for the great work that you do.

And I want to thank everybody here at Intel for hosting us here today. We just had a amazing tour. One of my staff, he said, "It's like magic." [*Laughter*] He did. That's what he said. [*Laughter*]

I had a chance to see everything from an electron microscope to the inside of your microprocessor facility, the clean room. And I have to say, for all the gadgets you've got here, what actually most impressed me were the students and the science projects that I just had a chance to see. It gave them a chance to talk about things like quantum ternary algorithms—[*laughter*]—and it gave me a chance to nod my head and pretend that I understood what they were talking about. [*Laughter*]

So that was the high school guys. Then we went over to—[*laughter*]—seriously. Then we went over to meet some seventh graders, six girls, and it was wonderful that—all girls—who had started a science program after school that—it involved Legos. So I'm thinking, now this is more my speed. [*Laughter*] All right? I used to build some pretty mean Lego towers when I was a kid. [*Laughter*] I thought I could participate. Only these students used their Legos to build models—to build robots that were programmable to model brains that could repair broken bones. So I guess that's different than towers. [*Laughter*] It's not as good—[*laughter*]—the towers. [*Laughter*]