

Futuro Fund is all about. And that's what this campaign has always been about. This campaign has never been about glitz and glory or just the blind pursuit of power. That's not why we got involved. That's not why you guys signed up back in 2007, 2008. You supported a candidate named Barack Hussein Obama. The odds were not in your favor. The odds were not in your favor.

You knew it wasn't going to be easy. [Laughter] If you thought it was going to be easy, you would have signed up for somebody else. You knew it wasn't going to be easy, but you also knew that if we pulled it off, it would be worth it. And so I was joking with some folks—well, not joking really—I'm a lot grayer now than I was then. [Laughter] And these President years are dog years. [Laughter] And so there's not the same excitement. It's not quite as cool as it was. Nobody—folks, I don't know if you guys still have those "Hope" posters; they're all kind of—all kind of dog eared.

But here's the message I want to deliver to you today—is, don't get weary. [Laughter]

Don't get tired. Because I'm not tired. I may be gray, but I'm not tired. My passion is still there. My commitment is still there. My vision for this country is still there. And if you're still there, then we're going to win this election and we are going to create the kind of America that our children and our grandchildren deserve.

God bless you. God bless the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:27 p.m. at the residence of Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith. In his remarks, he referred to actor Eva Longoria and her parents, Enrique Longoria, Jr., and Ella E. Mireles; Giselle Fernandez, chair, National Latino Gala; Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa of Los Angeles, CA; Mayor Julian Castro of San Antonio, TX; and Dolores C. Huerta, cofounder, United Farm Workers of America. The transcript was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 25. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Situation In or In Relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

October 25, 2011

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country are to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2011.

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency to deal with that threat and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,  
October 25, 2011.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.