

my desk so I can sign them right away. After all, both parties share power. Both parties share responsibility for our progress. Moving our economy and our country forward is not a Democratic or a Republican responsibility, it is our responsibility as Americans.

That's the spirit we need in Washington right now. That's how we'll get this economy growing faster and reach a brighter day.

### Statement on United States Military Casualties in Afghanistan *August 6, 2011*

My thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of the Americans who were lost earlier today in Afghanistan. Their deaths are a reminder of the extraordinary sacrifices made by the men and women of our military and their families, including all who have served in Afghanistan. We will draw inspiration from their lives and continue the work of se-

Thanks for listening, and have a great weekend.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 12 p.m. on August 5 in the Diplomatic Reception Room at the White House for broadcast on August 6. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 5, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on August 6.

curing our country and standing up for the values that they embodied. We also mourn the Afghans who died alongside our troops in pursuit of a more peaceful and hopeful future for their country. At this difficult hour, all Americans are united in support of our men and women in uniform, who serve so that we can live in freedom and security.

### Statement on the 13th Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks Against U.S. Embassies in Africa *August 7, 2011*

Today marks the 13th anniversary of Al Qaida's terrorist attacks against the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The United States joins with the people and Government of Kenya, where 218 people lost their lives and over 5,000 were injured, and Tanzania, where the attack killed 11 people and wounded at least 85 others, to remember and reflect on those who were injured and the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives.

These attacks in East Africa stand as testament to Al Qaida's commitment to use unspeakable violence to kill innocent men, women, and children, regardless of their religion, race, or nationality. The death of Harun

Fazul, the architect of these terrible acts, on June 11, 2011, was an important blow to Al Qaida and its ability to threaten so many innocents around the region. Today the remembrance of these tragic attacks spurs us to continue to work closely with our allies in East Africa and around the world to bring terrorists to justice and to redouble our efforts to prevent these attacks in the future. We join with our friends and allies in advancing peace and security for Americans, Kenyans, Tanzanians, and all people in building a world that is worthy of the legacy of the victims of these bombings. And as we extend our hearts and prayers to the families of those killed, we pledge that they will not be forgotten.