

and that we didn't get here alone because somebody out there was helping us along the way, then all that money spent on TV advertising doesn't matter. All those negative ads don't happen.

Audience member. We're not buying it!

The President. That's what I remember. That's what I know about, how you guys not only inspired me, but you inspired each other. And you can still do that. You still inspire me.

When I told you in 2008 that I was running for President, I told you, look, I'm not a perfect man—Michelle tells me that. [*Laughter*] And I wouldn't be a perfect President. But I promised that I would tell you what I thought, I'd tell you where I stood. And I promised I would work every single day; I would fight as hard as I knew how for you. Because I saw myself in you. I saw my kids in your kids and my grandparents in your grandparents.

And I've kept that promise, Iowa. I have kept that promise. And I still believe in you.

And if you still believe in me and you're willing to stand with me and work with me and knock on doors with me and make phone calls with me, I promise you we will not just win this election; we will finish what we started, and we will remind the world why America is the greatest nation on Earth.

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

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:58 p.m. at Kirkwood Community College. In his remarks, he referred to campaign volunteer Peggy Whitworth; Abraham Lincoln impersonator Lance V. Mack; Warren E. Buffett, chief executive officer and chairman, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.; and Republican Presidential candidate former Gov. W. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts. He also referred to his sister Maya Soetoro-Ng and mother-in-law Marian Robinson.

Statement on the 17th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide *July 10, 2012*

On July 11, we honor the memory of the over 8,000 innocent men and boys—brothers and husbands, fathers and sons—who were brutally murdered in Srebrenica 17 years ago in a brazen act of genocide that shocked the world. The name Srebrenica will forever be associated with some of the darkest acts of the 20th century.

A measure of justice is finally being served for the victims in courts in The Hague and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the perpetrators of this atrocity, including Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic, are now being called to account for their actions. We know that Srebrenica's future, and that of Bosnia and Herzegovina, will not be held back by its painful recent history. The United States rejects efforts to distort the scope of this atrocity, rationalize the motivations behind it, blame the victims, and deny the indisputable fact that it

was genocide. We all desire continued reconciliation and peaceful coexistence for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Balkans, because achieving that will be the ultimate repudiation of the evil that started the wars in Bosnia and Herzegovina and elsewhere in the region and that led to the Srebrenica genocide.

As more innocent victims of this tragedy are laid to rest on July 11, the United States stands with the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and grieves again for the loss of so many loved ones. Our hearts and deepest sympathies are with them, and we pledge our enduring commitment to support their aspirations for a better tomorrow.

NOTE: The statement referred to former Bosnian Serb army commander Ratko Mladic; and former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic.