

So everybody give them a big round of applause. Congratulations. Congratulations.

All right, we've got some—are we going to do the jerseys at the podium? All right, so Landon, what do we got here?

L.A. Galaxy forward Landon Donovan. We have a ball for you, and then we've got a—

[*At this point, the President tossed the soccer ball upward, bounced it off his forehead, and caught it.*]

Mr. Donovan. That was pretty good. [Laughter] And then, we've got a jersey for you.

The President. I hope you guys caught that. That doesn't happen very often. [Laughter]

Mr. Donovan. And a jersey.

The President. That is a nice-looking jersey. All right, let's—thank you.

So am I going to stand over here? Okay. And what do we got here?

L.A. Kings right wing Dustin Brown. Just a jersey here.

The President. That's a good-looking jersey. Forty-four, it's a lucky number. All right, thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Omar Gonzalez, defender, Juninho Pernambucano, midfielder, and Bruce Arena, head coach, Los Angeles Galaxy; and Terry Murray, former head coach, Darryl Sutter, head coach, Jarret Stoll, center, and Jonathan Quick, goaltender, Los Angeles Kings.

Statement on Senator Timothy P. Johnson's Decision Not To Seek Reelection March 26, 2013

For more than three decades, Tim Johnson has dedicated himself to improving the lives of South Dakota's working families. From his early days in the State legislature to his distinguished career in the Senate, Tim has worked tirelessly to protect our environment, empower rural and Native American communities, and build a financial system that is better able to serve the

American people. Always a fighter, Tim's return to the Senate floor after a life-threatening brain injury was a powerful moment, and his recovery continues to inspire us all. I look forward to working with Senator Johnson as he finishes his third term, and Michelle and I join the people of South Dakota in wishing Tim, Barbara, and their entire family all the best.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Regarding Designation of Funds for Global Counterterrorism and Overseas Contingency Operations March 26, 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

In accordance with section 5 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, I hereby designate for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding (including the rescission of funds) so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to John A. Boehner, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate.