

of the things that makes Boston such a great city—is that we welcome people from all around the world: people of every faith, every ethnicity, from every corner of the globe. So as we continue to learn more about why and how this tragedy happened, let's make sure that we sustain that spirit.

Tonight we think of all the wounded, still struggling to recover. Certainly, we think of Krystle Campbell. We think of Lingzi Lu. We think of little Martin Richard. Their lives reflected all the diversity and beauty of our country, and they were sharing the great American experience together.

Explosion at the West Fertilizer Company Plant in West, Texas

Finally, let me say that even as so much attention has been focused on the tragic events in Boston, understandably, we've also seen a tight-knit community in Texas devastated by a terrible explosion. And I want them to know that they are not forgotten. Our thoughts, our prayers are with the people of West, Texas, where so many good people lost their lives, some lost their homes, many are injured, many are still missing.

The President's Weekly Address
April 20, 2013

On Monday, an act of terror wounded dozens and killed three innocent people at the Boston Marathon. But in the days since, the world has witnessed one sure and steadfast truth: Americans refuse to be terrorized.

Ultimately, that's what we'll remember from this week. That's what will remain: the stories of heroism and kindness, resolve and resilience, generosity and love. The brave first responders—police officers and firefighters, EMTs, and National Guard—who ran toward danger to help their fellow citizens. The race volunteers, spectators, and exhausted runners who rushed to help, including troops and veterans who never expected to see such scenes on the streets of America.

I've talked to Governor Perry and Mayor Muska, and I've pledged that the people of West will have the resources that they need to recover and rebuild. And I want everybody in Texas to know that we will follow through with those commitments.

All in all, this has been a tough week. But we've seen the character of our country once more. And as President, I'm confident that we have the courage and the resilience and the spirit to overcome these challenges and to go forward, as one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:05 p.m. in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Sean A. Collier, police officer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was killed on April 19 in pursuit of the suspected bombers of the April 15 terrorist attack in Boston, MA; John DiFava, chief of police, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; suspected bombers Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was killed in a shoot-out with police on April 19, and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev; and Krystle M. Campbell, Lingzi Lu, and Martin Richard, who were killed in the attack.

The determined doctors and nurses at some of the world's best hospitals, who have toiled day and night to save so many lives. The big-hearted people of Boston—residents, priests, shopkeepers—who carried victims in their arms, delivered water and blankets, lined up to give blood, opened their homes up to total strangers.

And the heroic Federal agents and police officers who worked together throughout the week, often at great risk to themselves, to keep our communities safe. As a country, we are eternally grateful for the profound sacrifices they make in the line of duty, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice to defend the people they've sworn to protect.

If anyone wants to know who we are, what America is, how we respond to evil and terror, that's it: selflessly, compassionately, and unafraid.

Through the days that would test even the sturdiest of souls, Boston's spirit remains undaunted. America's spirit remains undimmed. Our faith in each other, our love for this country, our common creed that cuts across whatever superficial differences we may have, that's what makes us strong. That's why we endure.

In the days to come, we will remain vigilant as a nation. And I have no doubt the city of Boston and its surrounding communities will continue to respond in the same proud and heroic way that they have thus far, and their fel-

low Americans will be right there with them every step of the way. May God bless the people of Boston and the United States of America.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 3:50 p.m. on April 19 in the Blue Room at the White House for broadcast on April 20. In the address, the President referred to Krysztle M. Campbell, Lingzi Lu, and Martin Richard, who were killed in the April 15 terrorist attack in Boston, MA. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on April 19, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on April 20.

Statement on the Reelection of President Giorgio Napolitano of Italy *April 20, 2013*

I congratulate President Giorgio Napolitano on his reelection as President of Italy. For 7 years, President Napolitano has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in Italy, in Europe, and around the world. I admire his decision to once again serve the Italian people as President and welcome the decision that the Italian Parliament has made to come together to select him for continued service.

President Napolitano's steadfast commitment to the alliance between the United States and Italy is deep and abiding and reflects the enduring bonds among our people. His continued stewardship of the transatlantic relationship will ensure that we move forward together in facing the challenges of our times.

Remarks at the White House Science Fair *April 22, 2013*

Thank you, everybody. Please have a seat. Have a seat. Well, good afternoon, everybody. And welcome to the White House Science Fair, one of my favorite events during the course of the year.

And I just had a chance to see some of the outstanding exhibits that have been put forward by some of these amazing young people. And let me just start by saying, in my official capacity as President: This stuff is really cool. [*Laughter*] And I want to thank these incredible young people for explaining to me what the heck is going on. [*Laughter*]

Every one of you is enormously talented, obviously, but there's also a community of peo-

ple who helped all these young people succeed: dedicated teachers who believed in them and challenged them to do even more; all of them have loving parents and mentors and family. So I want to not only give the young people a big round of applause, but all the parents and teachers and principals and everybody who was involved, give yourselves a big round of applause as well.

Of course, primarily, we're here to celebrate these young scientists and visionaries who dream and create and innovate, who ask the question, why not? Why not try something better, something that's faster, something that helps more people? And that drive, that refusal