

mobile technology and critical data, all of which you need in this 21st century, when it comes to crime fighting. And we also need to take some commonsense steps that protect our rights, protect our children, protect officers in the line of duty by making it harder for dangerous criminals to get their hands on lethal weapons.

These officers represent the best of us, and they deserve the best from us. And that begins with being thankful to them not just today, but for the rest of their lives, and recognizing the sacrifices not only they make, but their parents and spouses and kids who watch their loved ones go off and serve every day knowing that there's real danger out there. So I'd ask all Americans, everybody who is watching all across the country, when you see a police officer, you meet an officer's family, let them know how much you appreciate it. It's the least we can do for the men and women who give us so much and help keep us safe.

All right. So with that in mind, let me give another huge thank you to our TOP COPS of

2003 [2013],^o our entire law enforcement community, all the families who are here. All the kids who are here, thanks for being patient and listening to me. [*Laughter*] And now what we want to do is get a picture. So I think we're going to strike this podium, and I'm going to line up. I think there's a spot left for us. Everybody, say cheese.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:10 a.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to suspected April 15 Boston Marathon bombers Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was killed in a shootout with police on April 19, and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev; Lt. Brian Murphy, Oak Creek Police Department in Oak Creek, WI; Jason Levia and Rodain Ortega, suspects in the shooting of New York City police officer Ivan Marcano; Mario Abarca, a New York City taxi driver whose alleged robbery and assault were disrupted by Mr. Marcano; and Hilda Miolan Forteza, girlfriend of Mr. Marcano.

Statement on Elections in Pakistan *May 12, 2013*

I congratulate the people of Pakistan on the successful completion of yesterday's parliamentary elections. The United States stands with all Pakistanis in welcoming this historic peaceful and transparent transfer of civilian power, which is a significant milestone in Pakistan's democratic progress. By conducting competitive campaigns, freely exercising your democratic rights, and persevering despite intimidation by violent extremists, you have affirmed a commitment to demo-

cratic rule that will be critical to achieving peace and prosperity for all Pakistanis for years to come.

The United States and Pakistan have a long history of working together on mutual interests, and my administration looks forward to continuing our cooperation with the Pakistani Government that emerges from this election as equal partners in supporting a more stable, secure, and prosperous future for the people of Pakistan.

^o White House correction.