

We draw strength from the Navajo Code Talkers whose skill helped win the Second World War. We draw strength from Woodrow Wilson Keeble, who many years after his death was finally awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism in the Korean War. We draw strength from—and I want to make sure I get this right—Lori Piestewa, who during the Iraq war was the first known Native American woman to give her life in combat for the United States. And we draw strength from all our men and women in uniform today, including two pilots I rely on when I step onto Marine One—Major Paul Bisulca, from the Penobscot Nation, and Major Eli Jones, of the Shoshone Bannock. And those guys are carrying me around, keeping me safe.

So, on this Veterans Day week, even though it's technically not Veterans Day, I want to ask all the veterans in the audience—including several legendary Navajo Code Talkers who are here—if you can, please stand, accept our gratitude.

For generations, these men and women have helped keep our covenant strong. So now we've got to keep strong what they've built, for this and generations to come. It falls to us to keep America the place where no matter

where you come from, what you look like, you can always make it as long as you try, as long as you work hard. And I know that that's what—all of you are working hard. That's what you represent as leaders of the communities that are represented here from coast to coast. I want you to know, that's what I'm working for. That's the partnership that I cherish, and I will cherish as long as I have the honor of serving as your President.

So thank you. God bless you. God bless the United States of America. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:57 p.m. at the Department of the Interior. In his remarks, he referred to Karen R. Diver, chairwoman of the business committee, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Jodi Archambault Gillette, Senior Policy Adviser for Native American Affairs, Domestic Policy Council; Charles Galbraith, Associate Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement; Alan Shelton, clinical director, Puyallup Tribal Health Authority, and his son, clinic resident Austin Shelton; and Maj. Paul B. Biscula, USMC, and Maj. Eli Jones, USMC, Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1). He also referred to Executive Order 13647.

Statement on Typhoon Haiyan Recovery Efforts in the Philippines

November 13, 2013

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the people of the Philippines as they mourn so many loved ones and neighbors lost in the awful destruction of Typhoon Haiyan. Here in the United States, we're offering our support to our fellow Filipino Americans who are worried for family and friends back home. The friendship between our two countries runs deep, and when our friends are in trouble, America helps. That's why, as I pledged to President Aquino yesterday, the United States will continue to offer whatever assistance we can.

Our support is rooted in the compassion and generosity of the American people who, time and again, have stepped up and helped those in need around the world. Today I encourage

Americans who want to help our Filipino friends to visit whitehouse.gov/typhoon, which offers links to organizations working in the Philippines and ways to support their efforts. With so many families and communities in the Philippines in urgent need of food, water, shelter, and medicine, even small contributions can make a big difference and help save lives.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Government continues to do our part. Our USAID and military personnel are on the ground and working around the clock. The first American planes carrying emergency supplies and food for 10,000 families have arrived. U.S. ships, including the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington*, are on their way to the scene to help expand search and rescue operations, provide logistical sup-

port and medical care, and provide a platform for helicopters to move supplies to remote areas.

Recovering from one of the strongest storms ever recorded will take years. But the strength, resilience, and faith of the Filipino people are legendary and the areas affected by this storm are some of the same places where Americans

and Filipinos sacrificed together to liberate the Philippines during World War II. Today our message to our Filipino allies is that we stand with you once more. In the difficult days ahead, we'll do our part to help you recover. And as you rebuild from this terrible storm, you will continue to have a friend and partner in the United States of America.

Statement on Signing the School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act *November 13, 2013*

I just want to thank all of the outstanding legislators who are here and advocates. This is something that will save children's lives. Some people may know that Malia actually has a peanut allergy. She doesn't have asthma, but obviously, making sure that EpiPens are available in case of emergency in schools is something that every parent can understand. And thanks to the

bipartisan work of the folks behind us and the advocacy communities that have been pushing this so hard, we're going to be giving States a lot more incentives to make sure that that happens. So I want to congratulate all of you.

NOTE: H.R. 2094, approved November 13, was assigned Public Law No. 113-48.

The President's News Conference *November 14, 2013*

The President. Good morning, everybody. Good afternoon. Today I want to update the American people on our efforts to implement and improve the Affordable Care Act, and I'll take a couple of your questions. But before I do, I just want to say a few words about the tragedy that's unfolded in the Philippines.

Over the past few days, I think all of us have been shaken by the images of the devastation wrought by Typhoon Haiyan. It's a heartbreaking reminder of how fragile life is, and among the dead are several Americans. So our prayers are with the Filipino people and with Filipino Americans across our country who are anxious about their family and friends back home.

One of our core principles is, when friends are in trouble, America helps. As I told President Aquino earlier this week, the United States will continue to offer whatever assistance we can. Our military personnel and USAID team do this better than anybody in the world, and they've been already on the ground working tirelessly to deliver food, water, medicine, shelter, and to help with airlift.

Today the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* and other ships arrived to help with search and rescue, as well as supplies, medical care, and logistical support. And more help is on the way.

America's strength, of course, has always been more than just about what our Government can do, it's also about what our citizens can do. It's about the big-heartedness of the American people when they see other folks in trouble. So today I would encourage everybody who wants to help, to visit whitehouse.gov/typhoon—that's whitehouse.gov/typhoon—and that will offer you links to organizations that are working on the ground and ways that you can support their efforts. Our friends in the Philippines will face a long, hard road ahead, but they'll continue to have a friend and partner in the United States of America.

Now, switching gears, it has now been 6 weeks since the Affordable Care Act's new marketplaces opened for business. I think it's fair to say that the rollout has been rough so far. And I think everybody understands that