

make it if you're willing to work hard. That's what I believe.

And there's certain values that make that a reality. I have my critics, obviously, but since we were here in Hollywood, I want to think about something that the late, great Chicago film critic, Robert [Roger]^o Ebert said—and I was fortunate to get to know Roger Ebert and was always inspired by how he handled some really tough stuff. "Kindness," he wrote, "covers all of my political beliefs." Kindness covers all of my political beliefs.

And when I think about what I'm fighting for, what gets me up every single day, that captures it as much—just about as much as anything. Kindness, empathy, that sense that I have a stake in your success; that I'm going to make sure, just because Malia and Sasha are doing well, that's not enough, I want your kids to do well also. And I'm willing to help to build good schools so that they get a great education, even if mine are already getting a great education.

And I'm going to invest in infrastructure and building things like the Golden Gate Bridge and the Hoover Dam and the Internet—[laughter].

[At this point, the President winked at the audience.]

Because I'm investing for the next generation, not just this one. And that's what binds us together, and that's how we've always moved forward, based on the idea that we have a stake in each other's success. And that's what drives me. And that's what will continue to drive me.

I believe that our—every kid should have opportunity. I believe our daughters should have the same opportunities as our sons. I be-

lieve that Jeffrey's kids should be able to aspire to whatever they can dream of, but I also want to make sure that the person who's cleaning up Jeffrey's office, that their kid has that same possibility.

And we may have different ideas and different policies on how to do things, but that shouldn't—it shouldn't negate that that core vision is what we're fighting for, and we should be able to sit down together and to keep dreaming and keep working and to make sure that the American Dream that's been described here in Southern California is sustained for generations to come.

And what's stopping us is not policy details; it's not technical issues. It's to summon the courage to put politics aside once in a while and remember that we've got more in common than our politics would suggest. And as long as I've got the privilege of serving as your President, that's what I'm going to keep on making sure that I do: to put politics aside once in a while and work on your behalf.

So thank you, DreamWorks, for what you do. Thank you, Jeffrey, for your hospitality. God bless you. God bless America. Can't wait to see your next movie.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:50 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Melody Hobson, chairman of the board of directors, DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc., who introduced the President; John W. Rogers, Jr., chairman, chief executive officer, and chief investment officer, Ariel Investments, LLC; and David and Laura Katzenberg, children of Jeffrey Katzenberg, chief executive office, cofounder, and director, DreamWorks Animation.

Statement on the Death of Theodore J. Jemison November 26, 2013

Michelle and I were saddened to hear about the passing of Reverend T.J. Jemison. With visionary spirit and charisma, he led the country's first boycott of segregated seating on pub-

lic buses 60 years ago, and he went on to help eradicate legal segregation and improve voting rights laws for disenfranchised Americans. As a founding member of the Southern Christian

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Leadership Conference and former president of the National Baptist Convention, he inspired Americans across our country with the courage of his convictions and the depth of his faith.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Justice, we

remember the legacy of trailblazers like T.J. Jemison and commit ourselves to carrying that legacy forward in the years to come. Our Nation is a better place because of Reverend Jemison's struggle and sacrifice, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and loved ones.

Remarks at the Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation Ceremony November 27, 2013

Good afternoon, everybody, and happy Thanksgiving.

The office of the Presidency, the most powerful position in the world, brings with it many awesome and solemn responsibilities. This is not one of them. [Laughter] But though—the White House turkey pardon is a great tradition. And I know Malia loves it, as does Sasha.

Generally speaking, Thanksgiving is a bad day to be a turkey. Especially at a house with two dogs. So I salute our two guests of honor, Caramel and Popcorn, for their bravery. They came all the way from outside Badger, Minnesota, to be with us. They, like my Chief of Staff, are Vikings fans. I'm not sure that they know that—

[At this point, the turkeys gobbled.]

Uh-oh. [Laughter] Yes. See? I'm not sure they know that my Bears are heading to Minnesota on Sunday, but in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I'm going to give them a break. [Laughter]

We are also excited to have students from Badger High School here. Where they are—where are you guys? [Applause] There they are, right there. And finally, let me say thank you to John Burkel, chairman of the National Turkey Federation. Give him a big round of applause.

Now, 80 turkeys on John's farm competed for the chance to make it to the White House and stay off the Thanksgiving table. It was, quite literally, the "Hunger Games." [Laughter] And then, after weeks of vocal practice and prepping for the cameras, the two tributes,

Caramel and Popcorn, went head to head together for America's vote as top gobbler.

The competition was stiff, but we can officially declare that Popcorn is the winner, proving—[applause]. There you go. Proving that even a turkey with a funny name can find a place in politics. [Laughter] As for Caramel, he's sticking around, and he's already busy raising money for his next campaign. [Laughter] Yes.

On a more serious note, later today Michelle, Malia, Sasha, and I will bring a couple less fortunate turkeys to a great organization that works to help out our neighbors here in DC who need it most. And I want to thank Jaindl's Turkey Farm in Orefield, Pennsylvania, for donating those dressed birds for the fifth year in a row. This is a reminder that this is a season to not only be thankful for the incredible blessings that we have, but also to remember the neediest and generously serve those who are not as fortunate.

This is a quintessentially American holiday, and during this time, we give thanks to our friends and our family, for citizens who show compassion to those in need, and for neighbors who help strangers they've never met. We give thanks for the blessings of freedom and opportunity that previous generations worked so hard to secure for. And we give thanks for the service and sacrifice of our brave men and women in uniform who serve our Nation around the world. For those of you who are watching, you keep us safe, you make us proud, and you remind us of our own obligations to build on the work of our predecessors and leave something better for our own kids.