

that's a pretty good place to start. Now the House needs to act so I can sign commonsense immigration reform into law. And if you agree, tell your Representatives that now is the time. Call or e-mail or post on their Facebook walls and ask them to get this done. Because together, we can grow our economy and keep America strong for years to come.

Thanks, and have a great weekend.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 4:35 p.m. on July 12 in the Roosevelt Room at the White House for broadcast on July 13. In the address, the President referred to former President George W. Bush. He also referred to S. 744. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 12, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on July 13.

### Statement on the Verdict in *State of Florida v. George Zimmerman* July 14, 2013

The death of Trayvon Martin was a tragedy, not just for his family or for any one community, but for America. I know this case has elicited strong passions. And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions may be running even higher. But we are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken. I now ask every American to respect the call for calm reflection from two parents who lost their young son. And as we do, we should ask ourselves if we're doing all we can to widen the circle of compassion and understanding in our own communities. We should ask ourselves if

we're doing all we can to stem the tide of gun violence that claims too many lives across this country on a daily basis. We should ask ourselves, as individuals and as a society, how we can prevent future tragedies like this. As citizens, that's a job for all of us. That's the way to honor Trayvon Martin.

NOTE: The statement referred to Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, parents of Trayvon Martin, who was killed by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman in Sanford, FL, on February 26, 2012.

### Remarks at a Ceremony To Present the 5000th Daily Point of Light Award July 15, 2013

*President Obama.* Well, good afternoon, everybody. And on behalf of Michelle and myself, welcome to the White House.

Twenty-three years ago, President George H.W. Bush began a tradition. He knew that across the country every day, Americans were finding ways to serve each other and give back to their communities, often with very few resources and very little recognition. And President Bush knew that their good works were valuable to the people they helped. But beyond that, he knew that their spirit of service was vital to our national character. So he created an award, the Daily Point of Light Award, to recognize Americans who serve their neighbors and communities in innovative ways that inspire us all.

And for the rest of his Presidency, nearly every single day, President Bush gave someone a Daily Point of Light Award. And after he left the White House, he kept going and going and going. In between skydiving and other activities—[laughter]—he kept going, which should come as no surprise, since we're talking about somebody who has served his country in such extraordinary ways. And when you do a parachute jump at the age of 85, not just a parachute jump, but another parachute jump—I believe his seventh—this is somebody who's not going to slow down any time soon.

So today we are extraordinarily honored to be joined by the family that helped build the Points of Light Foundation into the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service. President Bush, Mrs. Bush, Neil Bush,