

bailouts for good. And even though more work remains, our financial system is more fair and much more sound than it was.

We've still got a long way to go to restore the sense of security that too many middle class families are still fighting to rebuild. But if we keep moving forward with our eyes fixed on that north star of a growing middle class, then I'm confident we'll get to where we need to go.

Thanks, and have a great weekend.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 4:35 p.m. on July 19 in the Roosevelt Room at the White House for broadcast on July 20. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 19, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on July 20.

Statement on the Death of Helen A. Thomas

July 20, 2013

Michelle and I were saddened to learn of the passing of Helen Thomas. Helen was a true pioneer, opening doors and breaking down barriers for generations of women in journalism. She covered every White House since President Kennedy's, and during that time, she never failed to keep Presidents—myself included—on

their toes. What made Helen the Dean of the White House Press Corps was not just the length of her tenure, but her fierce belief that our democracy works best when we ask tough questions and hold our leaders to account. Our thoughts are with Helen's family, her friends, and the colleagues who respected her so deeply.

Statement Congratulating Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, of the United Kingdom on the Birth of Their Son

July 22, 2013

Michelle and I are so pleased to congratulate the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the joyous occasion of the birth of their first child. We wish them all the happiness and blessings parenthood brings. The child enters the world at a time of promise and opportunity for our two nations. Given the special relation-

ship between us, the American people are pleased to join with the people of the United Kingdom as they celebrate the birth of the young Prince.

NOTE: The statement referred to Prince George Alexander Louis.

Remarks at an Organizing for Action Event

July 22, 2013

The President. Hello, everybody! Hello, OFA! Thank you. All right, everybody, sit down, sit down. Thank you. You get me embarrassed. [*Laughter*] It is good to see all of you. I miss all you guys. I miss you. I missed you.

First of all, can everybody please give Bill a big round of applause for the great introduction and the great work he's doing. So proud of him.

I want to thank our outstanding partners: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, for being

here, and our outstanding Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, for being here.

But mainly, I just wanted to see all you guys—[*laughter*]—and say hey.

Audience members. Hey!

The President. Michelle says hey.

Audience members. Hey!

The President. The girls, they went out to camp. [*Laughter*] We're a little lonely at home