

bring home the Gold at the London Olympics or Breanna leading our under-19 team to a championship just a few days ago.

When they're not hitting the books or representing their country, they find time to get involved in the community. Last year, players visited the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for children with serious illnesses, joined the Walk for Autism. Geno just held his 11th annual charity golf tournament. And while you may be rivals with Baylor on the court, you joined together off the court to raise over \$30,000 for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

And so that's why we're so happy to have you all back to the White House. These are just some incredible athletes. They've made their mark as one of the great sports dynasties of our time, but they're also just really outstanding young women. You couldn't be prouder of them. I know some parents may be here, and I know you could not be prouder of them. And I told them—and I always say this—as the father

of two young, beautiful, athletic, and tall daughters—[laughter]—it just always puts a smile on my face whenever I see such class acts represent their school and their country so well.

So congratulations, UConn. Good luck as you get ready for the fall. I told them to take a little time off, but they said Coach won't let them. [Laughter] But I'm overruling him; take a weekend. [Laughter] Just relax a little bit.

So congratulations.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:25 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Marciella Auriemma, mother of Luigi "Geno" Auriemma, head coach, University of Connecticut women's basketball team; and Heather Buck, center/forward, Caroline Doty, Kelly Faris, Bria Hartley, guards, and Breanna Stewart and Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, forwards, University of Connecticut women's basketball team.

Statement on Senate Confirmation of B. Todd Jones as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives July 31, 2013

Todd Jones is a tough and tested law enforcement professional with decades of experience, and his confirmation to lead the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is both welcome and long overdue. For nearly 7 years, Senate Republicans had refused to confirm an ATF Director, not because they thought the nominees weren't qualified, but because they put politics ahead of the agency's law enforcement mission.

I applaud Senator Reid, Senator Leahy, Senator Klobuchar, and the bipartisan group of

Senators who broke through that gridlock to give Todd Jones the up-or-down vote he deserved. But while Todd's confirmation will help ATF apply the tools it needs to protect our communities from dangerous criminals and reduce gun violence, we can't stop there. I will continue to stand with the majority of Americans who support commonsense reforms to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of criminals. And I will continue to do everything in my power to keep our children and our communities safe.

Remarks Following a Meeting With President Abd Rabuh Mansur Hadi of Yemen August 1, 2013

President Obama. I want to welcome President Hadi to the White House. This visit, I think, reinforces the strong partnership and cooperation that's developed between the

United States and the Government of Yemen.

President Hadi obviously faces enormous challenges, but because of his leadership, he's