

equipped with the skills that are better than anybody else on Earth.

That's the future we're building. That's what these companies are investing in. And if America pulls together now—if we do our part to make sure every young person can go as far as their passion and their hard work will take them, whether it's to Mars or to the bottom of the ocean or to anywhere on this planet where you've got an Internet connection—if we commit ourselves to restoring opportunity for everybody, then we can keep the American Dream alive for generations to come.

That's our main project. That's our main obligation. That's why I ran for President. That's

what I'm going to be working on for the next 3 years.

Thank you for all the work that you're doing here at this outstanding school. God bless you. God bless America. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:37 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to Nelson Romero and Annie Stefanny Gomez-Marroquin, students, Buck Lodge Middle School; Jessica Rosenworcel and Ajit Pai, Commissioners, Federal Communications Commission; and Rushern L. Baker III, county executive, Prince George's County, MD. He also referred to his sister Maya Soetoro-Ng.

Statement on Representative Robert E. Andrews's Decision Not To Seek Reelection

February 4, 2014

In his 23 years in the United States Congress, Rob Andrews has served the people of southern New Jersey with tenacity and skill. He helped put into place key workplace protections for hard-working Americans, pushed to improve education for American students, and fought for clean energy programs to foster America's energy independence. More recently, Rob was an original author of the Affordable Care Act and has been a vital partner in its passage and implementation. The grandson of

shipyard workers and the first in his family to attend college, Rob has worked hard to preserve the American Dream for future generations. Michelle and I thank Congressman Andrews for his service and partnership, and we wish him, his wife Camille, and their two daughters the very best.

NOTE: The statement referred to Josie and Jacqueline Andrews, daughters of Rep. Andrews.

Statement on the Accelerating Medicines Partnership

February 4, 2014

Today my administration is taking action to accelerate the development of lifesaving drugs and to help identify new treatments and cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and diabetes. This new public-private partnership, the Accelerat-

ing Medicines Partnership, combines the considerable resources of America's Government with the innovation of our private sector companies in an effort to find new answers to today's domestic and global public health challenges.

Statement on Senate Passage of the Agricultural Act of 2014

February 4, 2014

Today, in a strong bipartisan vote, the U.S. Senate came together to pass a comprehensive farm bill, legislation that will build on the his-

toric economic gains in rural America over the past 5 years, create new jobs and opportunities, and protect the most vulnerable Americans.