

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.

This bill provides certainty to America's farmers and ranchers and contains a variety of commonsense reforms that my administration has consistently called for, including reforming and eliminating direct farm subsidies and providing assistance for farmers when they need it most. It will continue reducing our deficits without gutting the vital assistance programs millions of hard-working Americans count on to help put food on the table for their families. And it

will support conservation of valuable lands, spur the development of renewable energy, and incentivize healthier nutrition for all Americans. As with any compromise, the farm bill isn't perfect, but on the whole, it will make a positive difference not only for the rural economies that grow America's food, but for our Nation.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 2642.

## Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Situation in or in Relation to Côte d'Ivoire *February 4, 2014*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency, unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2014.

The situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire, which has been addressed by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution 1572 of November 15, 2004, and subsequent resolutions, has resulted in the massacre of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and

unrest, and fatal attacks against international peacekeeping forces.

Since the inauguration of President Alassane Ouattara in May 2011, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire has made progress in advancing democratic freedoms and economic development. While the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and its people continue to make progress towards peace and prosperity, the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,  
February 4, 2014.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Statement on CVS Caremark Corporation's Decision To Stop Selling Tobacco Products *February 5, 2014*

I applaud this morning's news that CVS Caremark has decided to stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products in its stores and

begin a national campaign to help millions of Americans quit smoking instead. As one of the largest retailers and pharmacies in America,