

commitments to help more low-income students get to college and graduate from college. But I'm also willing to work with anybody in Congress—Democrat, Republican, doesn't matter—to make sure young people like you have a shot to success.

So a few days ago, I sent my budget to Congress. And budgets are pretty boring, but the stuff inside the budgets are pretty important. And my budget focuses on things like preschool for all; like redesigning high schools so students like you can learn real-world skills that businesses want; like preparing more young people for careers in some of the fields of the future, in science and technology and engineering and math, to discover new planets and invent robots and cure diseases—all the cool stuff that we adults haven't figured out yet. [*Laughter*]

These are not just the right investments for our schools, they're the right priorities for our country. You are our priority. We've got to make sure we have budgets that reflect that you are the most important thing to this country's success. If you don't succeed, we don't succeed.

We've got to make sure all of you are prepared for the new century, and we've got to keep growing our economy in other ways: attracting new high-tech jobs, reforming our immigration system, something Congressman Garcia is fighting for. And the rest of Congress needs to stop doing nothing, do right by America's students, America's teachers, America's workers. Let's get to work. Let's get busy. We've got work to do. All of us have work to

do: teachers, school counselors, principals, superintendents, parents, grandparents.

We all have work to do, because we want to see you succeed, because we're counting on you, Barracudas. All of you. And if you keep reaching for success—and I know you will, just based on the small sampling we saw of students here—if you keep working as hard as you can and learning as much as you can, and if you've got big ambitions and big dreams, if you don't let anybody tell you something is out of your reach, if you are convinced that you can do something and apply effort and energy and determination and persistence to that vision, then not only will you be great, but this country will be great. Our schools will be great.

I want us to have the best educated workforce in America. And I want it to be the most diverse workforce in the world. That's what I'm fighting for. That's what your superintendent and your principal are fighting for, and I hope that's what you fight for yourselves. Because when I meet the students here at Coral Reef, I am optimistic about the future. Michelle and I walked out of that classroom, and we said, you know what, we're going to be in good hands, we're going to do okay, because these young people are coming, and nobody is going to stop them.

Thank you, everybody. God bless you. God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:05 p.m. in the gymnasium. In his remarks, he referred to his sister Maya Soetoro-Ng and mother-in-law Marian Robinson.

Statement on the 49th Anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights March From Selma to Montgomery, Alabama

March 7, 2014

Forty-nine years ago, a determined group of Americans marched into history, facing down grave danger in the name of justice and equality, walking to protest the continued discrimination and violence against African Americans. On a day that became known as Bloody Sunday, these brave men and women met billy clubs and tear

gas with courage and resolution. Their actions helped set an example for a generation to stand up for the fundamental freedoms due to all people. We recognize those who marched that day and the millions more who have done their part throughout our Nation's history to bend the arc of the moral universe toward justice.