

have the resources and protections and support that you need to do your job well. That's our end of the bargain. That's what I'm going to keep on fighting for every day that I have the honor of serving as your President. And that's what Joe Biden is going to work every day as long as he has the honor of serving as your Vice President.

So on behalf of all the American people, thank you. There are people alive today because of you. You may not even know their names, but we do, and we're proud of you.

God bless you. God bless your families, and God bless the United States of America. Please give them a big, big round of applause. Congratulations!

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:39 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Dennis R. and Roxanne G. Simmonds, parents of former Boston Police Department officer Dennis O. Simmonds. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of Vice President Biden, who introduced the President.

## Statement on National Small Business Week *May 12, 2014*

Today marks the beginning of National Small Business Week, a time to highlight the crucial role that America's small businesses play in our economy. Employing millions of Americans and creating nearly two out of three new jobs, America's small businesses are the backbone of our economy. More than that, our small businesses represent what is best about America: that with hard work and ingenuity, anyone, no matter their background, can build a better future for themselves and their families.

That's why we have cut taxes for small businesses 18 times and we remain committed to simplifying the Tax Code for small businesses.

Additionally, the Small Business Administration continues to support hundreds of thousands of businesses through loans all across the Nation. But there's more work to do, and my administration will continue to do everything we can to help our businesses grow and succeed, including taking steps to invest in our infrastructure, support access to credit to more small businesses, and reform our immigration system. During National Small Business Week, we renew our commitment to helping our businesses hire more workers, sell more products, and continue to grow the foundation of our American economy.

## Statement on the Conclusion of National Elections in India *May 12, 2014*

I congratulate the people of India on concluding their national elections today. India has set an example for the world in holding the largest democratic election in history, a vibrant demonstration of our shared values of diversity and freedom.

The United States and India have developed a strong friendship and comprehensive partner-

ship over the last two decades, which has made our citizens safer and more prosperous and which has enhanced our ability to work together to solve global challenges. We look forward to the formation of a new Government once election results are announced and to working closely with India's next administration to make the coming years equally transformative.