

Mr. Karp. I've never talked to a President before. Thank you so much. So, hey, real quick, guys, before we go, I would really like to thank the President for having us over to his rental property today. [Laughter] Yes. It really does mean a lot to our community to know that America's leader is listening to us. I hope we've all come away with a clear picture as to the issues that we're facing. Please make sure to follow [whitehouse.tumblr.com](http://whitehouse.tumblr.com). And lastly, please wish—excuse me—Sasha a happy 13th birthday from us.

The President. It is Sasha's birthday today.

Mr. Karp. Now that she's 13, guys, now that she's 13, according to our terms of service, she's officially old enough to use Tumblr. [Laughter] Let us know.

The President. So she wasn't before that? [Laughter]

Mr. Karp. She wasn't. I'm sorry. We can let this one slide. [Laughter]

The President. I'm going to have to talk to somebody about that. [Laughter]

All right. Thank you, guys. Had a great time.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:15 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to LeBron R. James, forward, National Basketball Association's Miami Heat; Kevin W. Durant, forward, NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder; Mark E. Zuckerberg, founder and chief executive officer, Facebook, Inc.; William H. Gates III, chairman, Microsoft Corp.; and Richard Martinez, father of Christopher Michaels-Martinez, who was killed in the May 23 shootings in Isla Vista, CA, near the campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara. He also referred to the memorandum of June 9 on helping struggling Federal student loan borrowers manage their debt. Mr. Karp referred to Elliot Oliver Robertson Rodger, accused gunman in the May 23 shootings in Isla Vista, CA; Aaron Rey Ybarra, suspected gunman in the June 5 shootings near the campus of Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, WA; and Paul Lee, who was killed in the June 5 shootings.

## Statement on the Presidential Election in Israel

June 10, 2014

The people of the United States join me in offering Reuven Rivlin congratulations on his election as the next President of the State of Israel.

Over more than six decades, the United States and Israel have developed a unique relationship based on shared democratic values, our unshakeable commitment to Israel's security, and our partnership in scientific research and innovative technology. President-elect Rivlin has a long and dedicated record of pub-

lic service, and we look forward to continued strong ties, to the benefit of both our nations, under Mr. Rivlin's Presidency.

As President Shimon Peres nears the end of his term, he can look back on a remarkable legacy of courage, conviction, and compassion. He has dedicated his extraordinary life to the cause of peace, and I look forward to welcoming him in Washington later this month where he will receive the Congressional Gold Medal.

## Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Actions and Policies of Certain Members of the Government of Belarus and Other Persons To Undermine Belarus's Democratic Processes or Institutions

June 10, 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 auto-

matic 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 with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2014.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions, to commit human rights

abuses related to political repression, and to engage in public corruption continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,  
June 10, 2014.

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

## Commencement Address at Worcester Technical High School in Worcester, Massachusetts

June 11, 2014

*The President.* Thank you! Please, everybody, be seated. Well, good afternoon. It is great to be back in Massachusetts, and it is great to be here at Worcester Tech!

I want to thank Reggie for that outstanding introduction. I want to thank Naomi for those inspiring words. I want to thank your outstanding, fabulous principal, Sheila Harrity, who has done so much to make this school a success. Let me just say, when you're the National High School Principal of the Year, you're doing something right. There are a lot of principals out there, and we could not be prouder of what she's doing.

I want to thank your mayor, Joseph Petty; your outstanding Governor and a great friend of mine, Deval Patrick; wonderful Congressman, Jim McGovern. And most of all, I want to thank the class of 2014. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your special day. And you all look great. And I want to thank all the parents and all the grandparents and the family and the friends. This is your day too. Part of the reason I'm here is because I've got to practice, because Malia is graduating in 2 years. So I'm trying to get used to not choking up and crying

and embarrassing her. So this is sort of my trial runs here.

I have to say, I do not remember my high school graduation speaker. I have no idea who it was. *[Laughter]* I'm sure I was thinking about the party after graduation. I don't remember the party either. *[Laughter]* I'm just telling the truth here. You will remember the speaker at this graduation because there's a lot of Secret Service around, not because of anything that I say that's so inspiring.

But I know this day has been long time coming. Together, you made it through freshman initiation. You survived Mr. O'Connor's English class, which I understand is pretty tough. Everybody has got to have, like, a Mr. O'Connor in their life just to kind of straighten you out. And now it's the big day, although I notice that none of you are wearing your IDs. Rumor has it, some of you haven't been wearing them for years. *[Laughter]* Today I'm exercising my power as President and granting an official pardon for all of you who did not follow the rules there. I consider it my graduation gift to you.

I know a lot of folks watching at home today will see all of you in your caps and your gowns. And you'll think, well, maybe this is just