

sure that we're reaching out to others who need our help as well.

And that means fighting for poor kids. And it means fighting for workers to get a decent wage. It means showing compassion for the undocumented worker who is contributing to our society and just wants a chance to come out of the shadows. It means fighting for equal pay for equal work. It means standing up for sexual—standing up against sexual violence wherever it occurs. It means trying to eliminate any vestige of racial or religious discrimination and anti-Semitism wherever it happens.

That's how we continue our Nation's march towards justice and equality. That's how we build a more perfect Union, a country where no matter what you look like, where you come from, what your last name is, who you love, you've got a chance to make it if you try. You guys have shown what can happen when people of goodwill organize and stand up for what's right. We've got to make sure that that's not applied just one place, in one circumstance, in one time. That's part of the journey that makes America the greatest country on Earth.

So thank you, everybody. God bless you. God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:40 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Chicago, IL, residents Darby Patrick and Jim Bova; Todd M. Hughes, U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the Federal Circuit; Judith E. Levy, U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; Nitza I. Quiñones Alejandro, U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Deborah A. Batts, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York; Tobias B. Wolff, professor of law, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Lawrence Goldyn, medical director, Mendocino Coast Clinics in Fort Bragg, CA; Charlie J. Fabella, Jr., husband of White House Executive Pastry Chef William Yosses; Michael Sam, defensive end, National Football League's St. Louis Rams; actor Laverne Cox; Edith Windsor, plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case *United States v. Windsor*; and Roberta A. Kaplan, partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, who argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Ms. Windsor.

Statement on the Deaths of Eyal Yifrach, Gilad Shaar, and Naftali Fraenkel of Israel

June 30, 2014

On behalf of the American people I extend my deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families of Eyal Yifrach, Gilad Shaar, and Naftali Fraenkel—who held Israeli and American citizenship. As a father, I cannot imagine the indescribable pain that the parents of these teenage boys are experiencing. The United States condemns in the strongest possible terms this senseless act of terror against innocent youth. From the outset, I have offered our full support to Israel and the Palestinian Authority to find the perpetrators of this crime and bring them to justice, and I encourage Israel and the Palestinian Authority to continue

working together in that effort. I also urge all parties to refrain from steps that could further destabilize the situation. As the Israeli people deal with this tragedy, they have the full support and friendship of the United States.

NOTE: The statement referred to Ori and Iris Yifrach, parents of Eyal Yifrach; Bat Galim Shaar and Ofir Shaar, parents of Gilad Shaar; and Avi and Rachel Fraenkel, parents of Naftali Fraenkel. All three boys were abducted while hitchhiking in the West Bank on June 12. Their bodies were recovered by Israeli authorities on June 30.