

hard work will take them, then we will keep the American Dream alive not just for your generation, but for generations to come.

That's my goal. I hope it is yours too.

Thank you, Nashville, for the great job. Thank you, Raiders. I appreciate you. God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:45 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to W. Antoni Sinkfield,

pastor, Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Nashville, TN; Ronald Elliott, student, and Robbin Wall, principal, McGavock High School; Jesse Register, director, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools; former Vice President Albert A. Gore, Jr.; and Kevin Barbee, a McGavock High School student who was killed in a shooting on January 29. He also referred to his sister Maya Soetoro-Ng and mother-in-law Marian Robinson.

Statement on Representative Henry A. Waxman's Decision Not To Seek Reelection *January 30, 2014*

Early in the 20th century, Henry Waxman's grandparents came to America, the land of opportunity, and found a place where they could build a better life for themselves and their families. Over the course of 40 years in Congress, their grandson has fought to give every American family that same chance. Thanks to Henry's leadership, Americans breathe cleaner air, drink cleaner water, eat safer food, purchase safer products, and, finally, have access to quality, affordable health

care. Today, he continues to advocate tirelessly on behalf of Los Angeles and California as he leads efforts to address a changing climate and make sure every American has the economic security that comes with health insurance. Henry will leave behind a legacy as an extraordinary public servant and one of the most accomplished legislators of his or any era. Michelle and I wish him, his wife Janet, and his family all the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Remarks on Signing a Memorandum on Enhancing Safeguards To Prevent the Undue Denial of Federal Employment Opportunities to the Unemployed *January 31, 2014*

Thank you, everybody. Everybody, please have a seat.

Well, first of all, let me just thank Erick for being here, for sharing his story, for his service to our country. I hope that listening to Erick here, everybody recognizes what a great success story this is, but also the notion that somebody with this kind of skill and talent was having difficulty finding a job indicates the challenge that we face. And I want to thank all of you—business leaders and philanthropists, elected officials, all levels and members of my Cabinet and the administration—not only for coming, but for committing to more success stories for people like Erick, making sure that

everybody in this country who wants to work has a chance to get ahead and not just get a paycheck, but also the dignity and the structure that a job provides people.

On Tuesday, I delivered my State of the Union Address. And I said that while the economy is getting stronger and businesses like yours have created more than 8 million new jobs over the past 4 years, our unemployment rate is lower than it's been in over 5 years, we all know we've still got a lot more to do to build an economy where everybody who is willing to work hard and take responsibility can get ahead. We've got to do more to restore opportunity for every American.