

brina K.A. Constantine, daughter of King County Executive Dow Constantine; retired Washington State Trooper Robert Koczewski, who died during a wildfire on July 14, and his wife Pat; President Bashar al-Asad of Syria; *Apollo 11* crewmembers Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., and Michael Collins; and Carol

Armstrong, wife of the late *Apollo 11* crewmember Neil A. Armstrong. He also referred to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which was approved July 22 and assigned Public Law No. 113–128. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## Statement on Meeting With *Apollo 11* Crewmembers on the 45th Anniversary of the First Moon Landing July 22, 2014

Forty-five years ago, while the world watched as one, the United States of America set foot on the Moon. It was a seminal moment not just in our country’s history, but the history of all humankind.

The three brave astronauts of *Apollo 11*—Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins—took the first small steps of our giant leap into the future. And for all the years since, they and their families have served as testaments to American ingenuity and human achievement. Today I was honored to welcome Buzz, Michael, and Neil’s wife Carol to the White House to mark this historic anniversary and to thank them for serving as advocates, role models, and educators who’ve inspired generations of Americans—myself included—to dream bigger and reach higher.

Today, under Administrator Bolden’s leadership, the men and women of NASA are

building on that proud legacy by preparing for the next giant leap in human exploration, including the first visits of men and women to deep space, to an asteroid, and someday to the surface of Mars, all while partnering with America’s pioneering commercial space industry in new and innovative ways.

The United States of America is stronger today thanks to the vision of President Kennedy, who set us on a course for the Moon, the courage of Neil, Buzz, and Michael, who made the journey, and the spirit of service of all who’ve worked not only on the *Apollo* program, but who’ve dared to push the very boundaries of space and scientific discovery for all humankind.

NOTE: The statement referred to Carol Armstrong, wife of the late *Apollo 11* crewmember Neil A. Armstrong.

## Remarks at a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Luncheon in Los Altos Hills, California July 23, 2014

Hello, everybody. Oh, no need to stand again. Sit down. Thank you so much.

Well, there are two reasons I’m here. Number one, it’s really nice. [Laughter] The weather is good. It’s pretty—it’s gorgeous. The second reason is George and Judy’s granddaughter and me, we’ve just got a connection. [Laughter] She is adorable. There she is. [Laughter] Look how happy she is to be with the President. [Laughter] I may take her with me. [Laughter] She is gorgeous.

A couple of people I want to thank. Obviously, George and Judy, we want to thank them not only for their incredible hospitality, but for the amazing support that they provided to so many important causes through the years. It’s wonderful to see somebody who has really lived out the American Dream, remembers it, and wants to give back. And so please give them a big round of applause.

One of my favorite people, even if I did not entirely depend on her for all kinds of stuff,