

more single women—a lot of folks who oftentimes do not turn out during midterms. But we know how to fix that as long as we continue to have your support.

So I would just ask all of you to feel the same sense of urgency about this midterm election as you would in a Presidential election. Because what we're able to do over the next 2 years—help people have higher minimum wages and make sure that folks have family-friendly policies at their work place, making sure that childcare is affordable or early childhood is something that we invest in, or rebuilding our roads and our bridges and putting peo-

ple back to work—all that is going to depend on whether or not we've got a Democratic Senate that's serious.

So I'm confident we can get it done, but we're going to need your help. And I'm glad you're here to show that support.

Thank you very much, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:05 p.m. at the residence of Roger H. Brown and Linda A. Mason. In his remarks, he referred to Prime Minister-designate Haider al-Abadi of Iraq. Audio was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Death of Robin Williams

August 11, 2014

Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a nanny, a president, a professor, a bangarang Peter Pan, and everything in between. But he was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien, but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit. He made us laugh. He made us cry. He gave his immeasur-

able talent freely and generously to those who needed it most, from our troops stationed abroad to the marginalized on our own streets. The Obama family offers our condolences to Robin's family, his friends, and everyone who found their voice and their verse thanks to Robin Williams.

Statement on the Death of Michael Brown, Jr.

August 12, 2014

The death of Michael Brown is heartbreaking, and Michelle and I send our deepest condolences to his family and his community at this very difficult time. As Attorney General Holder has indicated, the Department of Justice is investigating the situation along with local officials, and they will continue to direct resources to the case as needed. I know the events of the past few days have prompted strong passions, but as details unfold, I urge everyone in Ferguson, Missouri, and across the

country, to remember this young man through reflection and understanding. We should comfort each other and talk with one another in a way that heals, not in a way that wounds. Along with our prayers, that's what Michael and his family, and our broader American community, deserve.

NOTE: The statement referred to Michael Brown, who was shot by a police officer in Ferguson, MO, on August 9.

Remarks in Edgartown, Massachusetts

August 14, 2014

Good afternoon, everybody. This sound system's really powerful. Today I'd like to update

the American people on two issues that I've been monitoring closely these last several days.