

So I'll just close with a story of a guy named Ramone, because we're rooting for guys like Ramone. Ramone spent 8 years in the military, served in Afghanistan, served in Iraq. Ramone here? Raise your hand, Ramone.

So Ramone is somebody who fought for our freedom, fought for our security. But sometimes, we give lip service to supporting our troops, and then when they come home, they get lost. So when Ramone came home, he had a hard time finding a job because it was a tough economy. He didn't want to be a burden on his family, so he moved into a homeless shelter, took whatever work he could get. And then, one day in 2012, a VA counselor that he'd been working with handed him an application from Ford. Ford was hiring for new shifts.

Imagine what Ramone felt the day he knocked on his grandpa's door—his grandfather who had spent 25 years building Mustangs in Dearborn—and Ramone was able to tell his grandfather he got a job at Ford. And now Ramone has got his own place. And now Ramone has got a good job right on the line here in Wayne. And every day, he's doing just what his grandfather did. And he's proud. He's punch-

ing in and building some of the best cars in the world.

If you want to know what America is about, about grit and determination and hard work and sacrifice and looking out for one another and not giving up, think about Ramone. Think about Detroit. Think about the auto industry. Think about the Midwest. Think about Michigan. Think about America.

When our assembly lines grind to a halt, we work together, we get them going again. We don't give up. We get up, we fight back. We come back stronger than before. Thanks to the hard work of people like you, America is coming back. And I'm going to be on your side every step of the way.

Thank you, Michigan. God bless you. God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:22 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Mia Dew, employee, and William C. Ford, Jr., executive chairman, Ford Motor Co.; and Matthew Stafford, quarterback, and Calvin "Megatron" Johnson, wide receiver, National Football League's Detroit Lions. He also referred to Mr. Ford in his capacity as vice chairman of the Detroit Lions.

Statement on the Terrorist Attack in Paris, France

January 7, 2015

I strongly condemn the horrific shooting at the offices of Charlie Hebdo magazine in Paris that has reportedly killed 12 people. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of this terrorist attack and the people of France at this difficult time. France is America's oldest ally and has stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States in the fight against terrorists who threaten our shared security and the world. Time and again, the French people

have stood up for the universal values that generations of our people have defended. France and the great city of Paris where this outrageous attack took place offer the world a timeless example that will endure well beyond the hateful vision of these killers. We are in touch with French officials, and I have directed my administration to provide any assistance needed to help bring these terrorists to justice.

Statement on the Observance of Orthodox Christmas

January 7, 2015

Michelle and I wish all Orthodox Christians in the United States and in the diverse Orthodox communities throughout the world a

blessed and joyous Christmas. During this season of peace and fellowship, we have been saddened to see that, around the world, some