

pretending that these things aren't happening. That's not going to help build trust between them and the communities in which they serve.

So these are hard issues, but I'm confident we're going to move forward together for a system that is fairer and more just. We've got good people on both sides of the aisle that are working with law enforcement and local communities to find a better way forward. And as always, change will not happen overnight. It won't be easy. But if our history has taught us anything, it's taught us that when we come together, when we're working with a sense of purpose, when we are listening to one another, when we assume the best in each other rather than the worst, then change happens.

Like every parent, I can't help to see the world increasingly through my daughters' eyes. And on that day when we were celebrating that incredible march in Selma, I had Ms. Amelia's hand in one of my hands, but Michelle had Sasha's hand, and my mother-in-law had Malia's hand, and it was a chain across generations. And I thought about all those women who came before us, who risked everything for life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness, so often without notice, so often without fanfare. Their names never made the history books. All those women who cleaned somebody else's house or looked after somebody else's children, did somebody else's laundry, and then got home and did it again, and then went to

church and cooked, and then they were marching and—[*applause*].

And because of them, Michelle could cross that bridge. And because of them, they brought them along, and Malia and Sasha can cross that bridge. And that tells me that if we follow their example, we're going to cross more bridges in the future. If we keep moving forward, hand in hand, God willing, my daughters' children will be able to cross that bridge in an America that's more free and more just and more prosperous than the one that we inherited. Your children will too.

Thank you, CBC. God bless you. God bless this country we love. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:40 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to R. Donahue Peebles, chair of the board of directors, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; 2015 Phoenix Award winners Juanita Abernathy, William Barber II, and Fred Gray; civil rights activists Diane Nash Bevel, Gloria Richardson Dandridge, Ruby Bridges Hall, Prince Melson Lee, and Myrlie Evers-Williams; former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton; former National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronaut Mae C. Jemison; Ursula M. Burns, chairman and chief executive officer, Xerox Corp.; and tennis player Serena J. Williams. He also referred to his mother-in-law Marian Robinson.

## Statement on the Death of Senior Adviser to the United States Chief Technology Officer Jacob T. Brewer *September 20, 2015*

I am heartbroken at the tragic loss of one of my advisers, Jake Brewer. We set out to recruit the best of the best to join their Government and help us harness the power of technology and data to innovate new solutions for the 21st century. Simply put, Jake was one of the best. Armed with a brilliant mind, a big heart, and an insatiable desire to give back, Jake devoted his life to empowering people and making government work better for them. He worked to give citizens a louder voice in our society. He en-

gaged our striving immigrants. He pushed for more transparency in our democracy. And he sought to expand opportunity for all. I've often said that today's younger generation is smarter, more determined, and more capable of making a difference than I was as a young man. Jake was proof of that. Michelle and I are praying for all of Jake's family and his many friends, most of all his wife Mary Katharine Ham, their daughter Georgia, and their growing family. They'll always have a family here at the White House.