

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 4:45 p.m. on October 2 in the Roosevelt Room at the White House for broadcast on October 3. In the address, the President referred to H.R. 719, Continuing Appropriations

Act, 2016, which was approved September 30 and assigned Public Law No. 114–53. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 2, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on October 3.

Statement on the 50th Anniversary of the Immigration and Nationality Act *October 3, 2015*

Fifty years ago, at the foot of the Statute of Liberty, President Johnson signed the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The new, bipartisan law ended an unfair quota system, prohibited discrimination based on country of origin, and officially recognized our immigration system's role in reuniting families and attracting skilled workers, all of whom help fuel our economy. The Republicans and Democrats who came together to pass the INA were driven by a desire to expand opportunity for all and to live up to our heritage as a nation of immigrants. They understood that immigration contributes to our economic growth by allowing

hard-working, entrepreneurial individuals from around the world to pursue the American dream.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of this transformational law, we honor the courage of those who fought to make our system better. We celebrate the generations of immigrants who have shaped this country and helped make America great. And we recommit ourselves to fighting for commonsense, comprehensive immigration reform legislation that meets the needs of the 21st century, grows the economy for everybody, and lives up to our highest ideals.

Statement on Civilian Casualties at the Doctors Without Borders Hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan *October 3, 2015*

On behalf of the American people, I extend my deepest condolences to the medical professionals and other civilians killed and injured in the tragic incident at a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Kunduz. The Department of Defense has launched a full investigation, and we will await the results of that inquiry before making a definitive judgment as to the circumstances of this tragedy. I have asked the Department of Defense to keep me apprised of

the investigation and expect a full accounting of the facts and circumstances. Michelle and I offer our thoughts and prayers to all of the civilians affected by this incident, their families, and loved ones. We will continue to work closely with President Ghani, the Afghan Government, and our international partners to support the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces as they work to secure their country.

Remarks at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland *October 4, 2015*

Thank you. Please. Craig, thanks for that introduction, but more importantly, thank you for the outstanding work that you and your team do all across the country every single day.

Firefighters Memorial Service in

For those of you who know Craig, you know that he is cool under pressure, no doubt because he got his start—started his career—as a firefighter. I want to thank Congressman Steny