

## Statement on the Death of White House Photo Editor Rick McKay *November 13, 2015*

Rick McKay had a knack for telling a good story. As a veteran photojournalist who became a trusted member of my team as White House Photo Editor, Rick dedicated his life to sharing the American story through images: moments both expected and unlikely, snapshots both of epic events and everyday kindnesses.

Last night we lost Rick to cancer. Michelle and I send our most sincere condolences to Rick's wife Carol and his children Nick and Al-

ly. Our hearts are heavy at the White House today. But Rick's other family—his White House family—will tell our own stories, memories of Rick's kindness and humor, his passion for NASCAR, his love for his dog Kiley, and his dedication to doing the job the right way. We thank Rick for sharing his joy and optimism through the photos that will live on through history, the stories that will live on in our hearts, and most of all, for making his time here count.

## Statement on Representative Samuel S. Farr's Decision Not To Seek Reelection *November 13, 2015*

For more than 40 years, from his service on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to his tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, Sam Farr has worked tirelessly for the people of California. Sam has helped protect our oceans and our environment, remove trade barriers for Californian businesses, and promote travel and tourism throughout the

United States. A proud alumnus of and advocate for the Peace Corps, Sam also has worked to improve lives in communities around the world. I look forward to continuing to work with Sam in the months ahead, and Michelle and I send him and his wife Shary our best wishes as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

## Statement on Representative Rubén Hinojosa's Decision Not To Seek Reelection *November 13, 2015*

For nearly two decades, Rubén Hinojosa has proudly served the people of South Texas with dedication, passion, and distinction. As chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Rubén strengthened Latino communities in his district and across the country and fought to fix our broken immigration system. During his 10 terms in Congress, he has helped lead the fight

to protect our most vulnerable families, make higher education more affordable, and expand job training programs for every American willing to work hard. I'm grateful for Rubén's tireless efforts, and I look forward to continuing to work with him throughout the remainder of his term. Michelle and I wish Rubén and his family well in whatever the future may hold.

## The President's Weekly Address *November 14, 2015*

Hi, everybody. This week, America came together to salute our veterans, to express our appreciation to all who served so that we might live free. But our gratitude should ex-

tend beyond what our veterans have done for us in the past. It should remind us of our responsibility to serve them as well as they have served us. It should compel us to keep our