

should reflect the full story of our country, the richness and diversity and uniquely American spirit that has always defined us: that we are stronger together; that out of many, we are one. That's what makes us the greatest nation on Earth. And it's what we celebrate at Stonewall, for our generation and for all those who come after us.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 2:40 p.m. on June 15 in the State

Dining Room at the White House for broadcast on June 25. Proclamation 9465, which established the Stonewall National Monument, was signed on June 24 and is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 24, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on June 25. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

Statement on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture June 26, 2016

Today marks the 29th anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Convention Against Torture. This is a day to affirm the United States abiding commitment to achieve a world without torture or other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

On my second day in office I issued an Executive order reaffirming the United States commitment to the universal ban on torture, and we have worked hard every day to match our words with actions. We have owned up to past mistakes and helped advance humane treatment safeguards through the clarification and codification of our obligations. My experience as Commander in Chief has only rein-

forced my conviction that, the United States must never resort to torture. In addition to betraying our values and obligations, it would embolden repressive regimes, serve as a pretext for terrorist recruitment and violent extremism, and damage the United States reputation as a force for good in the world.

Today we stand in solidarity with victims of torture around the world and thank the many Americans who work tirelessly to achieve the goals inscribed in the Convention Against Torture. Their work embodies the best of who we are as a nation at the same time as it makes us stronger and more secure.

Remarks Honoring the 2015 Women's National Basketball Association Champion Minnesota Lynx June 27, 2016

The President. Hello, everybody, hello! Hello! Everybody—everybody, have a seat. Everybody, have a seat. Oliver is upset—[laughter]—that Mom is up here and he's not. Now, if you want to bring Oliver up here, you—that's fine. Coach, what do you think? Come on.

Audience members. Aww!

The President. Yes, come on. There you go. Look, he's got his little suit on and everything. [Laughter] Look at him—got the bow tie.

Head Coach Cheryl Reeve. Can you say say hi to Mr. President?

The President. Hey, man. High five?

Coach Reeve. Say high five. High five?

The President. There you go. All right, now that we've got that settled. [Laughter]

Good afternoon, everybody. Give it up for the 2015 WNBA champion the Minnesota Lynx! Yes. So this is this team's third visit to the White House in the past 5 years. So I guess I should ask: "Whose house?" [Laughter]

Player. Our house!

Coach Reeve. Our house!

The President. Our house!

We have some Lynx fans in the house, including your outstanding Senator, Amy Klobu-

char. WNBA President Lisa Borders is here. Welcome back to Coach Cheryl Reeve—third title with the Lynx. You get a sense she’s feeling greedy though. [Laughter] She wants more. [Laughter] When the Lynx won it all, with champion—you know, banners going up, champagne popping, she looked around and said, “This never gets old.” [Laughter] This never gets old. And you can see how the way—by the way they’re playing this year that it has not gotten old for any of the players either.

Now, I want to take a moment to recognize somebody who I know would have loved to have been in this moment: Flip Saunders, who was a huge part of Minnesota basketball at all levels and a supporter of this team. Obviously, he experienced a tragic illness. And so on behalf of all basketball fans, this day, too, is “For Flip.” And we want to give him a big round of applause.

So I think it’s fair to say this team is a powerhouse. [Laughter] You’ve got Maya Moore, Lindsay Whalen, Seimone Augustus, recently named among the top 20 players in WNBA history. So you’ve got—seems like you all should have more than three—[laughter]—when you’ve got that much talent. Uh-oh, I’ve got you. [Laughter] All right, well, you just wanted this moment in the sun. [Laughter]

Now, this isn’t to say it’s always easy. Last year, these women faced down midseason roster shakeups and multiple injuries—

[At this point, a baby cried.]

The President. I know, it was frustrating—[laughter]—and a championship game that started a little bleak. Lindsay sprained her ankle. Maya was trying to find her rhythm. But in the second half, the Lynx started to gain some steam. Seimone finished with 16 points. Sylvia Fowles had 20. They pulled away and won the championship by 17 points. It was their first championship at home, in front of their loyal Minnesota fans. And as Maya put it, “It wasn’t a perfect year, a perfect series, or a perfect game . . . but we are the champions.” And that’s what matters.

They did manage to have a pretty-close-to-perfect victory party though. After the game, the

Lynx drove out to Paisley Park for a private concert by one of their biggest fans, Prince, which was pretty cool and reminds us of how much we miss him. In fact, the last time I saw him, he was on this stage at a really good party. [Laughter]

Now, these women are not just all-star basketball players, they’re also leaders in the Minnesota community. They host an annual Breast Health Awareness game in partnership with the Mayo Clinic. They made holiday cards for children of military members, teamed up with the Twin Cities Boys and Girls Club to help prepare meals for kids who would otherwise go hungry. And the team signed honorary contracts with young boys and girls who are facing big challenges, but dream of playing basketball. For a day, those young people were Lynx teammates, and that, as much as any trophy, is what makes these women champions.

So on the 20th anniversary of the WNBA, this is a good moment to celebrate all that these players and the many others who came before have accomplished. Twenty years ago, Maya, Seimone, and Lindsay were playing H-O-R-S-E in their driveway. And suddenly, they saw players like Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes and Sue Bird to look up to as role models. And there’s no discounting how important that is. Today, these women—and women across the WNBA—are setting their own outstanding example for girls who are growing up today.

And they’re aware of the responsibilities that come with that. As Maya says, “We’re not super rich like the guys . . . but money’s not everything when you’re talking about dynasties and legacies and inspiring young women and men and opening people’s minds.” Although, money is useful too. [Laughter] And I am for equal pay for equal work.

But, with that, I know Lindsay would like to say a few more words. Let’s give a big White House congratulations once again to the Minnesota Lynx, 2015 WNBA Champions.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:42 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Maya Moore, forward, Lindsay Whalen and Seimone Augustus, guards, and Sylvia Fowles, center, Minnesota Lynx; Lisa

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Leslie, former center, WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks; Sheryl Swoopes, former head coach, Loyola University women's basketball team; and Sue Bird, guard, WNBA's Seattle Storm.

Statement on the Supreme Court's Decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* June 27, 2016

I am pleased to see the Supreme Court protect women's rights and health today. As the brief filed by the Solicitor General makes clear and as the Court affirmed today, these restrictions harm women's health and place an unconstitutional obstacle in the path of a woman's reproductive freedom. We remain strongly

committed to the protection of women's health, including protecting a woman's access to safe, affordable health care and her right to determine her own future. Women's opportunities are expanded and our Nation is stronger when all of our citizens have accessible, affordable health care.

Statement on the Council of the District of Columbia's Passage of Legislation To Raise the Minimum Wage June 27, 2016

I commend the District of Columbia, Mayor Muriel Bowser, and the Council of the District of Columbia for raising the District's minimum wage. Since my first call to raise the wage in 2013, 18 States and DC have taken action, action that will help over 7 million American workers. In addition, nearly 50 cities and counties, as well as many of our leading businesses, have acted on their own to boost wages for thousands

more workers. That's progress. But we must continue to build on that progress, because no American working full time in this country should struggle to make ends meet. That's why as long as I hold this office, I will continue to fight for hard-working Americans. And I will keep urging Congress to raise the Federal minimum wage so that all Americans have a fair shot to get ahead. America deserves a raise.

Statement on the Death of Patricia S. Head Summitt June 28, 2016

Nobody walked off a college basketball court victorious more times than Tennessee's Pat Summitt. For four decades, she outworked her rivals, made winning an attitude, loved her players like family, and became a role model to millions of Americans, including our two daughters. Her unparalleled success includes never recording a losing season in 38 years of coaching, but also, and more importantly, a 100-percent graduation rate among her players who completed their athletic eligibility. Her legacy, however, is measured much more by the generations of young women and men who admired Pat's intense competitiveness and character and, as a result, found in themselves

the confidence to practice hard, play harder, and live with courage on and off the court. As Pat once said in recalling her achievements: "What I see are not the numbers. I see their faces."

Pat learned early on that everyone should be treated the same. When she would play basketball against her older brothers in the family barn, they didn't treat her any differently and certainly didn't go easy on her. Later, her Hall of Fame career would tell the story of the historic progress toward equality in American athletics that she helped advance. Pat started playing college hoops before title IX and started coaching before the NCAA recognized