

And I think of all the citizens at the grassroots in countries around the world, in places where it's dangerous sometimes, who are pushing to hold governments accountable—lawyers who are monitoring elections and activists in civil society and innovators building platforms to enhance transparency—they give me hope.

All of you coming together from across sectors, working together: government, private sector, civil society, faith groups. Because you understand that despite whatever differences of religion or background or race or region, we are united as one human race and by our abiding commitment to the inherent dignity of every human being. All of you give me hope.

Just as you've had a partner in me and my administration, I'm confident that as we work for the prosperity and justice and peace that all of us seek in the world, as we reach people who may feel forgotten and bring hope to remote corners of this planet, I am absolutely con-

vinced that you'll have a strong partner in the United States of America. We've shown this can work. Now we've just got to keep it up. All right?

Thank you very much, everybody. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:35 p.m. in Atrium Hall at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. In his remarks, he referred to Strive Masiyiwa, founder and group executive chairman, Econet, who introduced the President; Jill T. Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden; former White House Senior Adviser David M. Axelrod; Nimna Di-ayté, president, Saloum Federation of Corn Producers; and Mariana Costa Checa, co-founder and executive director, Laboratoria. He also referred to S. 1252, which was approved July 20 and assigned Public Law No. 114–195; and H.R. 5243.

## Statement on the Death of Representative K. Mark Takai

July 20, 2016

Michelle and I were saddened to learn of the passing of Representative Mark Takai today. Mark was always a fighter. It's the spirit he brought to more than two decades of public service on behalf of the people of Hawaii. He stood up for America's most vulnerable. He championed our troops and veterans and proudly wore our Nation's uniform. And his relentless push for cancer research inspired countless Ameri-

cans fighting the same battle as him. Simply put, our country is better off because of Mark's contributions. He leaves a legacy of courage, of service, and of hope. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark's wife Sami, their two children, and his many friends and family.

NOTE: The statement referred to Matthew and Kaila Takai, children of Rep. Takai.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations

July 20, 2016

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emer-

gency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2016.