

That's why Republicans in Congress should treat Zika like the threat that it is and make this their first order of business when they come back to Washington after Labor Day. That means working in a bipartisan way to fully fund our Zika response. A fraction of the funding won't get the job done. You can't solve a fraction of a disease. Our experts know what they're doing. They just need the resources to do it.

So, to all Americans out there, make your voices heard. And you should know that as long as I'm President, we're going to keep doing everything we can to slow the spread of this virus

and put our children's futures first. Thanks, everybody.

NOTE: The address was recorded at approximately 11:10 a.m. on August 26 in the Roosevelt Room at the White House for broadcast on August 27. In the address, the President referred to Clinton, SC, resident Ashley Young and her daughter Savannah; and Sen. Marco A. Rubio. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 26, but was embargoed for release until 6 a.m. on August 27.

## Statement on the Death of Juan Gabriel *August 29, 2016*

For over 40 years, Juan Gabriel brought his beloved Mexican music to millions, transcending borders and generations. To so many Mexican Americans, Mexicans and people all over the world, his music sounds like home. With his romantic lyrics, passionate performances and signature style, Juan Gabriel captivated audiences and inspired countless

young musicians. He was one of the greats of Latin music, and his spirit will live on in his enduring songs and in the hearts of the fans who love him.

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language version of this statement.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks *August 30, 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 emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2016, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate. The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Remarks at the 20th Annual Lake Tahoe Summit in Stateline, Nevada August 31, 2016

*The President.* Hello, Tahoe! This is really nice. I will be coming here more often. My transportation won't be as nice—[laughter]—but I'll be able to spend a little more time here.

First of all, I want to thank Harry Reid. And because he's a captive audience, he doesn't usually like people talking about him, but he's stuck here, and so I'm going to talk about him for a second. [Laughter]

Harry grew up in a town that didn't have much: no high school, no doctor's office. Searchlight sure didn't have much grass to mow or many trees to climb. It didn't look like this. So, when Harry discovered a lush desert oasis down the road called Piute Spring, he fell in love. And when Harry met Landra, his—the love of his life, he couldn't wait to take her there, but when he got to the green spring that Harry remembered, he was devastated to see that the place had been trashed. And that day, Harry became an environmentalist, and he's been working hard ever since to preserve the natural gifts of Nevada and these United States of America.

So Harry has protected fish and wildlife across the State. He helped to end a century-old water war. He created Nevada's first and only national park. Right after I took office, the very first act Harry's Senate passed was one of the most important conservation efforts in a generation. We protected more than 2 million acres of wilderness and thousands of miles of trails and rivers. That was because of Harry Reid. Last summer, thanks to Harry Reid's leadership, we protected more than 700,000 acres of mountains and valleys right here in Nevada, establishing the Basin and Range National Monument.

Two decades ago, the Senator from Searchlight trained a national spotlight right here, on Lake Tahoe. And as he prepares to ride off into the sunset, although I don't want him getting on a horse—[laughter]—this 20th anniversary summit proves that the light Harry lit shines as bright as ever. Now, in a few months, I'll be riding off into that same sunset. [Laughter]

*Audience members.* Boo!

*The President.* No, it's true. It's okay. I mean, I'm still going to—I'm going to be coming around, I told you. I just won't have Marine One. [Laughter] I'll be driving.

But let me tell you, one of the great pleasures of being President is having strong relationships with people who do the right thing. They get criticized, they've got a tough job, but they get in this tough business because ultimately, they care about this country and they care about the people they represent. And that is true of Dianne Feinstein. That is true of Barbara Boxer. That is true of the outstanding Governor of California, Jerry Brown. That's true of our outstanding folks who work for the Department of Interior and work for the—[laughter]—who help look after our forests and help look after our national parks that help manage our water and try to conserve the wildlife and the birds and all the things that we want to pass on to the next generation.

And so I'm going to miss the day-to-day interactions that I've gotten. And I'll miss Harry, even though he's not a sentimental guy. [Laughter] We were talking backstage. Anybody who's ever gotten on the phone with Harry Reid, you'll be mid-conversation, and once he's kind of finished with the whole point of the conversation, you'll still be talking and you realize he's hung up. [Laughter] And he does that to the President of the United States. [Laughter] And it takes you, like, three or four of these conversations to realize he's not mad at you—[laughter]—but he doesn't have much patience for small talk.

But Harry is tough. I believe he is going to go down as one of the best leaders that the Senate ever had. I could not have accomplished what I accomplished without him being at my side. So I want to say publicly, to the people of Nevada, to the people of Lake Tahoe, to the people of America: I could not be prouder to have worked alongside the Democratic leader of the Senate, Harry Reid. Give him a big round of applause.