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BRIEFING PAPERS



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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

PRIVATE

MEETING BREAKDOWN FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2013

WASHINGTON, DC

10:00 – 10:30 am

PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEFING

Location: The Oval Office

PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. The Vice President
2. Denis McDonough
3. Susan Rice
4. Lisa Monaco
5. Jake Sullivan
6. Tony Blinken
7. Director James Clapper
8. Ben Rhodes

10:45 – 11:45 am

MEETING ON THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Location: The Roosevelt Room

POC: Clay Dumas

PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The Vice President | 11. Alyssa Mastromonaco |
| 2. Byron Auguste | 12. Cecilia Muñoz |
| 3. Sylvia Burwell | 13. Denis McDonough |
| 4. Katie Beirne-Fallon | 14. Rob Nabors |
| 5. Brian Deese | 15. Jennifer Palmieri |
| 6. Jason Furman | 16. Dan Pfeiffer |
| 7. Danielle Gray | 17. John Podesta |
| 8. Valerie Jarrett | 18. Steve Ricchetti |
| 9. Cody Keenan | 19. David Simas |
| 10. James Kvaal | 20. Gene Sperling |

11:45 – 11:50 am

LOAD MOTORCADE

11:50 – 1:30 pm

LOCAL STOP

1:30 – 2:15 pm

DESK TIME

Location: The Oval Office

PRESS: CLOSED

2:15 – 2:20 pm

PHONE CALL TO COACH FISHER OF FLORIDA ST. UNIVERSITY

Location: The Oval Office

POC: Kyle Lierman

PRESS: CLOSED



2:20 – 2:30 pm

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY WITH SECRETARY JOHNSON'S FAMILY

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Danielle Gray
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Secretary Jeh Johnson
2. Dr. Susan DiMarco, spouse
3. Jeh C. Johnson Jr., son
4. Natalie Johnson, daughter
5. Jeh V. Johnson, father
6. Norma Johnson, mother
7. Marguerite Johnson, sister

2:40 – 2:45 pm

MOVE TO THE SITUATION ROOM

2:45 – 4:15 pm

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

Location: The Situation Room
POC: Brian McKeon
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. The Vice President
2. John Kerry, Secretary of State
3. Chuck Hagel, Secretary of State
4. Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy
5. Denis McDonough
6. Ambassador Samantha Power (SVTC)
7. Susan Rice
8. Kathryn Ruemmler
9. James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence
10. Tony Blinken
11. Lisa Monaco
12. William Burns, Deputy Secretary of State
13. David Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence
14. John Brennan
15. GEN Martin Dempsey
16. *Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs*
17. Brian McKeon
18. Jake Sullivan
19. Brian Egan, Deputy Counsel to the President and NSS Legal Adviser
20. Phil Gordon, White House Coordinator for the Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf Region
21. Liz Sherwood-Randall, WH Coordinator for Defense Policy, Countering WMD, & Arms Control
22. Puneet Talwar, Senior Director for Iraq, Iran, and Gulf States
23. DNI +1
24. Christopher Backemeyer, Director for Iran
25. Nitin Chadda, Director for Iran
26. Paul Irwin, Director for Non-Proliferation
27. Jane Rhee, Director for Iran

4:15 – 4:20 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE



4:35 – 4:45 pm

DEPARTURE PHOTOS

Location: The Oval Office
POC's: Sophie Shulman (1); David Cohen (2)
PRESS: CLOSED

Participants:

1. Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, WHO
 - Accompanied by:
 1. Rodman Rogers (Grant's partner)
 2. Micki Colfax (Grant's mother)
 3. David Colfax (Grant's father)
 4. Drew Colfax (Grant's brother)
 5. Angie Setzer (Grant's sister-in-law)
 6. Max Colfax (Grant's nephew, [redacted])
 7. Zane Colfax (Grant's nephew, [redacted])
 8. Elsa Ann Colfax (Grant's niece, [redacted])
 9. Reed Colfax (Grant's brother)
 10. Aimee Bevan (Grant's sister-in-law)
 11. Justice Logan Colfax (Grant's nephew, [redacted])
 12. Hayden Colfax (Grant's nephew, [redacted])
 13. Zoe Colfax (Grant's niece, [redacted])
2. Inez Tenenbaum, Chair of the Consumer Product Safety Commission
 - Accompanied by:
 1. Samuel Tenenbaum, spouse

4:45 – 5:00 pm

WRAP-UP

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

5:00 – 5:05 pm

MOVE TO THE STATE DINING ROOM

5:05 – 5:45 pm

VIDEO TAPINGS

Location: The State Dining Room
POC: Hope Hall
Setup: Standard seated direct-to-camera taping.
PRESS: CLOSED

Tapings:

1. Weekly Address
2. Bush 41 Documentary
3. #OurSalud Video

5:45 – 5:50 pm

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Washington

January 9, 2014

TELEPHONE CALL WITH JIMBO FISHER

From: Valerie Jarrett

TO: Jimbo Fisher, Coach of the Florida State Seminoles

Primary Phone:

Alternate Phone:

P6/b(6)

DATE: January 10, 2014

PURPOSE: The purpose of this call is to congratulate Florida State Seminoles Coach Jimbo Fisher on winning the BCS Championship and invite the team to visit the White House to celebrate their victory.

**Note: FSU will be filming Coach Fisher on the phone.*

TALKING POINTS:

- Coach Fisher, congratulations to you and the entire team on winning the BCS Championship earlier this week.
- It was a great game to watch and one of the most exciting finishes I've ever seen.
- It's been great to watch what you've done with the team this year. In only your fourth year as head coach, you have already achieved an undefeated season and a BCS Championship.
- I want to invite you and the team to the White House to celebrate your championship.
- Please let the team know I am looking forward to meeting them.
- Congratulations again on an impressive season and I wish you and the team continued success.

BACKGROUND:

Jimbo Fisher:

- This was Jimbo Fisher's fourth season as the Seminoles head coach.

- Prior to becoming head coach, Fisher served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at LSU from 2000-2006. In 2007 he joined the Seminoles as offensive coordinator, under the popular Bobby Bowden. He became the head coach in 2010.
- Fisher graduated from Samford University where he played quarterback and was named the 1987 NCAA Division III National Player of the Year.
- Fisher and his wife Candi have two sons, Tyler and Ethan. **Ethan has a rare genetic disorder called *Fanconi anemia*, which is known to cause bone marrow failure.**
- His disease was discussed on the ESPN Monday Night College Football game on September 2, 2013 (Labor Day) between Florida State and the University of Pittsburgh as part of an effort by both schools to raise awareness of the disease.

Game Notes:

- On Monday night, the Florida State University Seminoles beat the Auburn Tigers 34-31 in the BCS Championship.
- Auburn got off to a fast start while FSU and their Quarterback Jameis Winston struggled. With 5:01 remaining in the second quarter, Auburn's Nick Marshall scored on a 4-yard run to put Auburn ahead by 18 points, the largest deficit of the game.
Score 21-3 Auburn
- FSU's comeback began at the end of the second quarter when Runningback Devonta Freeman scored on a 3-yard run. A field goal by Roberto Aguayo in the third quarter and an 11-yard strike from Winston to Chad Abram closed the gap to one.
Score 21-20 Auburn
- From this point onwards the game seesawed back and forth. Auburn's Cody Parkey hit a 23 yard field goal with 4:42 remaining. On the ensuing kickoff, FSU's Levonte Whitfield took the ball 100 yards for an electrifying score. Auburn answered with a quick drive capped off by a 37-yard touchdown run by Tre Mason.
Score 31-27 Auburn
- **Final Drive:** With 1:06 remaining, Heisman Trophy winner Winston led an impressive effort, completing 6-of-7 passes for 77 yards on the drive. He finished the drive with a lob to 6-foot-7 Kelvin Benjamin for the game-winning 2-yard touchdown.
Score 34-31 Florida State

Team Notes:

- The Seminoles have won three national championships, including two BCS National Championships, along with seventeen conference titles and five division titles.

- The Seminoles completed a perfect 14-0 season with their BCS bowl win. Their offense averaged 53 points and 529 yards per game and their defense, the best in nation, allowed only 10.7 points per game.
- FSU was so dominant that prior to the BCS Championship game only Boston College came within 28 points of them and their average margin of victory was 42.3 points per game.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

January 9, 2013

DROP BY WITH SECRETARY JEH JOHNSON AND FAMILY

DATE: January 10, 2013
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 2:20 PM
From: Danielle Gray

I. PURPOSE

Secretary Jeh Johnson and his family will do a drop by with you, right after he is ceremonially sworn in as the Secretary of Homeland Security by the Vice President. Due to a scheduling conflict, his family was unable to join him when you announced him as your nominee last October. Secretary Johnson is particularly excited that you will have the chance to meet his father, who is a big supporter of yours.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- Secretary Jeh Johnson
- Dr. Susan M. DiMarco (wife)
- Jeh C. Johnson Jr. (son)
- Natalie Johnson (daughter)
- Jeh V. Johnson (father)
- Norma Johnson (mother)
- Marguerite Johnson (sister)

III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU welcome Secretary Johnson and his family into the Oval Office.
- After a few minutes, they depart.

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Washington

January 9, 2014

DEPARTURE PHOTO FOR GRANT COLFAX

DATE: January 10, 2014
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 4:35 – 4:45 PM
From: Cecilia Muñoz

I. PURPOSE

You will take a departure photo with Dr. Grant Colfax and his family. Grant has served as Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy in the Domestic Policy Council since March 2012. His accomplishments include continued implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, development and launch of the HIV Care Continuum Initiative, effective elimination of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program waitlists, a stronger Ryan White Program under the ACA, and NIH's new HIV Cure Initiative.

Prior to his work at the White House, Grant was the Director of HIV Prevention and Research in the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Grant and his brothers were homeschooled. He is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Medical School and completed his medical residency at the University of California, San Francisco. Grant will return home to San Francisco and will join PATH, a global health organization, to serve as Special Advisor for Translational Science Policy and direct HIV and tuberculosis programs.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- Grant Colfax
- Rodman Rogers (partner)
- Micki Colfax (mother)
- David Colfax (father)
- Drew Colfax (brother)
- Angie Setzer (sister-in-law)
- Max Colfax (nephew)
- Zane Colfax (nephew)
- Elsa Ann Colfax (niece)
- Reed Colfax (brother)
- Aimee Bevan (sister-in-law)
- Justice Colfax (nephew)
- Hayden Colfax (nephew)
- Zoe Colfax (niece)

III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU will welcome Grant and his guests into the Oval Office.
- You will take a departure photo with them.
- Grant and his guests will depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

January 9, 2013

DEPARTURE PHOTO FOR INEZ TENENBAUM

DATE: January 10, 2013
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 4:30 PM
From: Danielle Gray

I. PURPOSE

Inez Tenenbaum served as the Chair of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) beginning in June 2009, and stepped down this past November. She was also an early endorser of yours during the 2008 South Carolina primary. Inez transformed the CPSC into a leading safety agency. She worked to make CPSC more accessible and transparent; making education and advocacy a priority; and being firm, but fair, in enforcing safety laws and working to keep unsafe products out of the hands of consumers. Since leaving CPSC, Inez has joined the law firm Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Columbia, S.C.

She will be joined by her husband, Samuel, who is also a supporter of yours.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- Inez Tenenbaum
- Samuel Tenenbaum, husband

III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU welcome Inez and Samuel into the Oval Office.
- YOU pose for a photo.
- Inez and Samuel depart.

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Washington

January 9, 2014

PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH DOCUMENTARY TAPING

DATE: January 10, 2014
LOCATION: The State Dining Room
TIME: 5:05 PM
From: Howli Ledbetter, WH Communications

I. PURPOSE

You will record a video for a documentary on President George H.W. Bush. The documentary titled *41 on 41* will feature 41 interviews with President Bush's friends and former colleagues. The documentary will have a permanent home in an exhibit at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library. All proceeds will benefit the Bush Library Foundation. A complete list of interviewees is included as an attachment.

Mary Kate Cary, President Bush's former speechwriter, is producing the documentary. She will ask you the following questions that you will answer direct to camera:

1. On January 7, 2009, President George W. Bush hosted "The President's Club" for lunch at the White House (President-elect Obama and both Presidents Bush, President Clinton and Carter) – do you have any favorite stories from that day?
2. You spoke at Texas A&M University for the 20th anniversary of Points of Light, and then more recently you hosted an event at the White House to mark the 5,000th recipient of the Point of Light Award. Could you discuss community service and the role it has played in George Bush's life, and his role in promoting it as part of American life? Do agree with him that public service is "a noble calling"? And, in your view, in what ways did GHWB live his life in this manner?
3. In 2011, you awarded President Bush 41 the Medal of Freedom. Why did you choose to give him the Medal and how does he embody the meaning of this honor?
4. The day after Election Day in 2012, President Bush called you from his hospital room, on his grandson Pierce's cell phone, to congratulate you on winning the election. Can you tell us about the call and what it meant to you?
5. Any stories we haven't touched on about your friendship with the President?

For your reference, the remarks you gave at the President George H.W. Bush Medal of Freedom ceremony, the President George W. Bush library dedication, and your speeches on Points of Light are attached.

II. PARTICIPANT

- Mary Kate Cary, President Bush's former speechwriter and producer of *41 on 41*

III. PRESS PLAN

A trailer of the video will be posted on the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library website on January 25. Further distribution plans are still being negotiated, but the hope of the producers is to have the documentary air on a network, in 700 movie theaters across the country and be available on Netflix.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU enter the State Dining Room and greet participants
- YOU tape a direct to camera video and answer five questions posed by Mary Kate Cary
- After the filming, YOU will stay seated and take a still photo
- YOU thank the participants and they exit and YOU film another video

V. REMARKS

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VI. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Interviewees
- B. Points of Light speeches
- C. The GHWB excerpt from Medal of Freedom
- D. Remarks at the GWB Library

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41 ON 41 INTERVIEWEES:

1. Mrs. Barbara Bush
2. Billy Busch (41's fishing guide @ Kennebunkport)
3. Pierce Bush (grandson)
4. Former Secretary of State James Baker
5. Mrs. Susan Baker
6. The Oak Ridge Boys
7. Roger Ailes (former campaign advisor)
8. Andy Card (deputy WH chief of staff for 41)
9. Tom Brokaw
10. Boyden Gray (former WH legal counsel)
11. Gen. Colin Powell
12. Buddy Carter (WH butler)
13. Marlin Fitzwater (former WH press secretary)
14. Gabe Pressman (longtime WNYC newsman, great story from 41's UN days)
15. Gen. Brent Scowcroft
16. Michael Elliott (US Army Golden Knight ret., did the parachute jumps with the president)
17. Admiral DeWolfe "Chip" Miller (first commander of the USS George H.W. Bush)
18. John Magaw (lead Secret Service agent for President Bush at the WH)
19. Arnold Palmer
20. David McCullough
21. Former Vice President Dan Quayle
22. Sarah Jackson (Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University student)
23. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
24. David Demarest (former WH Communications Director)
25. Jean Becker (current Chief of Staff for 41)
26. Dana Carvey
27. Former President George W. Bush
28. Alan Simpson (former WY senator)
29. Bruce Gelb (former USIA director, was at Andover with 41)
30. Jim Nantz
31. Brit Hume
32. Former President Bill Clinton
33. Former CIA Director Robert Gates
34. Michael Dannenhauer (former WH personal aide/post-WH chief of staff)
35. Coach Mike Krzyzewski (Coach K)
36. Doro Bush Koch (daughter)
37. Jeb Bush Jr. (grandson)
38. Governor John Sununu (former WH chief of staff)
39. Marvin Bush (son)

Scheduled: former UK Prime Minister John Major (January 20); Mikhail Gorbachev (pending)

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**Remarks for President Barack Obama
Points of Light Award Ceremony
The White House
Monday, July 15, 2013**

Good afternoon everybody. On behalf of Michelle and myself, welcome to the White House.

Twenty-three years ago, President George H. W. Bush began a tradition. He knew that across the country every day, Americans were finding ways to serve others and give back to their communities – often with very few resources and very little recognition. President Bush knew that their good works were valuable to the people they helped – and beyond that, he knew that their spirit of service was vital to our national character. So he created an award – the Daily Point of Light Award – to recognize Americans who serve their neighbors and communities in innovative ways that inspire us all.

For the rest of his presidency – nearly every single day – President Bush gave someone a Daily Point of Light Award. And after he left the White House, he kept going and going and going – which should come as no surprise, since we're talking about a man who marked his 85th birthday with another parachute jump. Not just a parachute jump – another parachute jump. His seventh, I believe.

Today, we are honored to be joined by the family who has helped build the Points of Light Foundation into the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service – President Bush, Mrs. Bush, Neil – welcome. I also want to recognize Michelle Nunn, the CEO of Points of Light.

This is not the first time President Bush and I have come together for an event like this. Four years ago, I went down to Texas A&M University, where President Bush has his library, to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of Points of Light. I appreciated the warm welcome – by which I mean the extremely loud “howdy.” I was deeply impressed by how invested the students there are in community service. Most of all, I was moved by how much they love President Bush.

And now we've come together to mark another milestone.

As of this minute, 4,999 Point of Light Awards have been presented to individuals and organizations across this country. And now, I have the honor of joining President Bush in presenting Number Five Thousand.

About 10 years ago, Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton were getting ready to retire. They had been farming for years. They had earned a break. They planned to sail around the world. Then their friends told them about a special place they should visit along the way. In a village in

Tanzania, a volunteer mission was helping to renovate an HIV/AIDS clinic. Floyd and Kathy thought that sounded like it was worth a detour.

When they arrived in Tanzania, the country was in the third year of a brutal drought. People were starving and dying – many of them children.

Having seen this, Kathy and Floyd simply had to do something about it. And so their vision of a leisurely retirement was replaced with a new mission – fighting global hunger.

Today, the non-profit they created, Outreach, has distributed free meals to hungry children here in the United States and in more than 15 countries worldwide – to date, more than 233 million meals. They've gotten to see many of those kids they met in Tanzania grow up, healthy and strong. This work, they say, is the most rewarding thing they've ever done.

And I have to say, having just been to Tanzania with Michelle, we can attest how important this kind of work is – how it changes lives. It's also fitting that later this week – on July 18 – people around the world will celebrate the legacy of the magnificent public servant Nelson Mandela by performing acts of public and community service. As people look for examples, Outreach provides an extraordinary demonstration of how service can lift people's lives.

And so, if the purpose of this award is to celebrate Americans who work to make our country and world a better place – not for their own advantage or for any ulterior motive, but just to serve, pure and simple – I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Kathy Hamilton and Floyd Hammer.

Now, before we actually present this award, I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to honor the man who made all this possible. I know he will hate this, but I'm going to do it anyway.

Much has been said of President Bush's own extraordinary life of service, but I'm not sure everyone fully appreciates how much he has done to strengthen our country's tradition of service. In addition to this award, he created the first White House office dedicated to promoting volunteerism. And he championed and signed the National and Community Service Act. By Washington standards, it was a modest law. It involved little money, and President Bush signed it with little fanfare. But looking back, we see that it sparked a national movement.

By laying the groundwork for the Corporation for National and Community Service and AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, it gave tens of millions of Americans meaningful opportunities to serve.

And today – thanks to those programs and others like them, and to the passion of leaders like President Bush and citizens who found that same passion over the years – volunteerism has gone from something some people do some of the time... to something lots of us do as a regular part of our lives.

Since 1989, the number of Americans who volunteer has grown by more than 25 million. Service is up across age groups and regions. It's now a graduation requirement in many high

schools and colleges. It's embedded in the culture of businesses large and small. And speaking for my family, volunteering has brought joy and meaning to Michelle and me and our daughters over the years. And I know that's the case for many of your families, too.

This national tradition may seem perfectly ordinary to many Americans, especially those who have grown up during this period. But in fact, it reflects tremendous progress. And today we can say that our country is a better place and a stronger force for good in the world because – more and more – we are a people who serve. And for that, we thank President Bush – and his better half, Barbara, who is just as committed as her husband to service, and has dedicated her life to it as well.

The presidents who followed President Bush have had the good sense to continue this work—and not just because one of them calls him Dad. Even after leaving office, President Clinton and both Presidents Bush have come together to help people affected by natural disasters here at home and around the world – a reminder that service is not a Democratic value or a Republican value; it's a core part of being an American.

And at the White House today, we're proud to carry forward that legacy. I created the Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation to find new ways to use innovation to strengthen service. I expanded the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships – originally created by President George W. Bush – which works closely with religious groups and community organizations across the country to help Americans in need.

And today, I am announcing a new task force, with representatives from cabinet agencies and other departments across the government, to take a fresh look at how we can better support national service – in particular, on some of our most important national priorities: improving our schools, recovering from disasters, and mentoring our children. This task force will be led by my team here at the White House along with Wendy Spencer, the CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, who previously led the volunteer commission in Florida for Governor Jeb Bush.

In a time of tight budgets and tough problems, we know that our greatest resource is the limitless energy and ingenuity of our citizens. And when we harness that energy and create more opportunities for Americans to serve, we pay tribute to the extraordinary example set by President Bush.

Let me close on a personal note.

Mr. President, I am one of millions of people who have been inspired by your passion, your commitment. You have helped so many Americans discover that they, too, have something to contribute – that they, too, have the power to make a difference.

You've described for us those thousand points of light – all the people and organizations spread out across our country, like stars, brightening the lives of those around them. But given the humility that has defined your life, I suspect it's harder for you to see something that's clear to everyone around you: how bright a light you shine. How your vision and example have

illuminated the path for so many others. How your love of service has kindled a similar love in the hearts of millions, here at home and around the world.

On behalf of us all, let me say, Mr. President – we are surely a kinder and gentler nation, because of you. We can't thank you enough.

And now it's my pleasure to join you in presenting this award to Floyd and Kathy.

(AT THE END OF THE EVENT, after Michelle Nunn's remarks)

Thank you all for being part of today. It's been our pleasure to have you here, and to celebrate with you such a critical part of our national character. Days like this help strengthen our conviction, and keep us all moving in the right direction, together. Thank you.

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**Remarks of President Barack Obama
Points of Light 20th Anniversary
College Station, Texas
October 16, 2009**

Howdy. It's an honor to be here with all of you today at this fine university.

Now, I was told that if the winds had been different today, President Bush would have parachuted in to kick things off here. But that's OK, I'm still thrilled to be introduced by this man whose vision of service we celebrate today, and whose life of service is an inspiration to us all.

And much to his likely embarrassment, I'm going to talk a little more about the singular nature and impact of that service in a minute. But before I do, I'd like to recognize several other folks joining us today, starting with President Bush's extraordinary wife, Mrs. Barbara Bush, who has an impressive record of service herself, particularly her tremendous work to promote family literacy across this country. So let's take a moment to show our appreciation for her today as well.

We have our Secretary of Defense here, Secretary Bob Gates, who has served for four decades under eight presidents with integrity, candor and an unyielding commitment to keeping this nation safe. And I know how much he loved his time as President here at A&M, which is why I was relieved to hear that this week's game is out at Kansas State. I didn't want him to sneak away to relive his glory days leading yell practice and never return to Washington.

I want to acknowledge former Secretary of State, Jim Baker, who's served this country for decades as a trusted advisor to presidents, and more importantly, as a statesman.

Thanks also to Ambassador Ron Kirk for his terrific work as our United States Trade Representative; former Senator Sam Nunn for his lifetime of service, particularly his visionary work on nuclear non-proliferation; and to Representatives Chet Edwards and Sheila Jackson Lee for their outstanding work in Congress.

I want to recognize Melody Barnes, Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, for her excellent work on service and many other issues.

And thanks to Michelle Nunn, the CEO of Points of Light, and Neil Bush, Chairman of the Board, for their wise leadership.

I also want to congratulate Mallory Myers, today's Daily Point of Light Award winner, and commend her for her tireless work to pull together the Big Event, which I know is no easy task.

And I understand that this event is just one of the countless ways that students at this university are giving back to this community – from tutoring children and building homes; to raising money to fight cancer and AIDS; to continuing A&M’s proud tradition of military service.

So I can see why President Bush chose to locate his library at this school. What you all are doing here is precisely what he was talking about when he called for those thousand points of light and became the first President to create a White House Office devoted solely to promoting volunteerism.

It’s a vision that changed lives across this country, including that of a young woman who went to work for an organization called Public Allies to prepare young people for public service careers – an organization initially funded by the Bush Administration. Her experience there inspired her to devote her own life to serving others. That young woman was my wife, Michelle Obama, and I’ve been instructed to convey her gratitude today as well.

But George Bush isn’t just a President who promoted the ethic of service long before it was fashionable – he’s a citizen whose life has embodied that ethic. From his daring service as a Navy pilot during World War II – enlisting the day he turned eighteen – to his time in Congress, at the CIA, and as UN Ambassador, Vice President and President.

While he easily could have chosen a life of comfort and privilege, instead, time and again, when offered a chance to serve, he seized it. It was second nature to him – the continuation of a proud family tradition that he and Mrs. Bush clearly passed on to their children and grandchildren. And one which he’s carried on throughout his quote unquote “retirement,” which he’s spent working tirelessly to help others, without fanfare or any expectation – or desire – for recognition.

Though I do recall one endeavor of his that actually drew quite a bit of attention. It was back in 2005, and he and President Clinton had agreed to come together to raise money for the nations devastated by the tsunami that killed nearly 230,000 people in Asia – a partnership they would continue in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

As first, longtime friends and aides to both of them were suspicious, convinced that the other guy was using their guy to burnish his own reputation. But when one operative expressed this concern to President Clinton, the President sharply rebuked him, replying, “This is much more important than politics.”

This is much more important than politics.

That is the conviction that drew those two great leaders – once fierce adversaries – to join forces: the belief that there’s no place for partisanship when a great American city is underwater; that the R or D next to your name is irrelevant when nations in crisis need the world’s help; and that certain moments call us to stop the back and forth, forget the old rivalries, and embrace a common purpose that is bigger than our differences.

And while you might not always know it from watching the cable news shows, or listening to those folks on the radio, I think it’s clear that we stand at one of those moments. We’re seeing

turmoil in our economy that's left many people wondering whether their kids will have the same opportunities they had to pursue their dreams. And we face threats to our health, our climate, and our security that have left many of our young people wondering what kind of future they'll be leaving for their own kids.

And if anyone here thinks our government has all the solutions, President Bush and I will be the first to tell you that you're going to be sorely disappointed.

Government can build the best schools, with the best teachers on earth, but we can't run the PTA, or chaperone those field trips, or mentor those kids after school. We can pass the most comprehensive health reform bill, but Congress can't be on the ground in our communities caring for the sick and helping people lead healthier lives. Government can give our troops the equipment they need, and the pay and benefits they've earned, but it can't be there to offer a homecooked meal to a military family stretched thin, or to make sure our veterans get the respect and appreciation they deserve in their communities.

In the end, when it comes to the challenges we face, the need for action always exceeds the limits of government. While there's plenty that government can do to keep our families safe, and our planet clean, and our markets free and fair, there's a lot that government can't – and shouldn't – do. And that's where active, engaged citizens come in. That is the purpose of service in this nation.

And that is the point I want to emphasize today: that service isn't separate from our national priorities, or secondary to our national priorities – it is integral to achieving our national priorities. It is how we will meet the challenges of our time.

To this day – despite all evidence to the contrary – there's still this notion out there that service is nice, but not really essential. That it's something you do once in a while to fulfill a requirement or fulfill yourself, or for a year or two after college to put off getting a real job; and that the real work of changing this country is done by people with fancy titles and big offices out in Washington, DC.

But history tells us a very different story. It's the story of patriots who set forth the ideals that animate our democracy, and all those who fought and died for those ideals. The story of women who reached for the ballot; and people who stood up, and sat in, and marched for justice. The story of firefighters and police officers who rushed to those burning towers, and ordinary people who rushed to the aid of a flooded American city.

That has always been the story of this nation – the story of those who stepped forward in our darkest hours to serve it. Those who rose to answer the defining questions of their time: Colony or country? Free or half free? Separate but equal, or truly equal?

Those folks weren't in it for the money. Those folks were volunteers. Their service wasn't "extra." It was their work that changed this country.

The courage, patriotism, and compassion that drove them to act are the same qualities we need today, as we seek to answer the questions of our own time. Will we continue to be a land of opportunity where all things are still possible for all people? Or a place where those born without the advantages of wealth, health and good luck have the deck stacked against them? Will we engage with the world to confront our shared threats? Or hope against hope to defer them to the next Administration, or the next generation?

The answers to these questions lie, in large part, with all of you – the young people here today. That's why I feel so optimistic about our future. Because you all are the most engaged, service-minded generation since the 1930s and 40s, serving your communities in record numbers. Last year, applications to City Year tripled, and the Peace Corps had three applicants for every position. AmeriCorps applications were up 400 percent in just the first four months of this year alone.

Having come of age in serious times, you all don't have a lot of patience for pettiness and bickering and the worn divisions of the past. Rather than arguing about whether, or how, we should do something, you'd rather just go out there and get it done.

As President, it is my mission to put that passion and commitment to work – to build on the efforts of Presidents Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush and others to engage not just young people, but people of all ages and walks of life to serve their communities.

That's why I was proud to sign the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, expanding AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and other programs that give people the chance to give back.

That's why we've created a new community innovation fund to seek out the most creative, effective non-profit organizations in America – ones that could be the next Harlem Children's Zone or Teach for America – and replicate their efforts all across this country.

And that's why this summer, we launched United We Serve, a nationwide effort calling on all Americans to make service part of their daily lives. We partnered with more than 400 organizations; made more than 250,000 service opportunities available on serve.gov; and watched as non-profits, foundations, corporations, and individuals spent hundreds of thousands of hours serving their communities.

So we've been doing everything we can to get people involved. And I'm pleased to have with us today my nominee to lead the charge on these efforts as CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Patrick Corvington. Patrick, stand up and wave so we can all recognize you.

But I also want to be honest with you: while we'll do our best to make it easy to get involved, the service itself won't always be easy.

People won't always appreciate what you're trying to do for them. You won't always make the difference you had hoped for. And some problems are so big, and so stubborn, that even your best efforts will only help just a little bit. But those are the efforts that matter most. It's through

that struggle that the difference is made – not just for others, but for yourself. It's how you discover your strengths and weaknesses and the depth of your compassion and courage. It's how you grow – and how you grow closer to the people you serve.

And once you've formed those connections, you'll find that it's a little harder to numb yourself to other people's suffering. It's a little harder to convince yourself that their struggles aren't your problem. It's a little harder to remain a bystander.

Once you've tutored young people in a struggling community, it's hard not to care about that ballot measure to fund their school. Once you've volunteered at a food bank, it's hard not to care about poverty and unemployment. Over time, the needs of the people you serve become your stake in the challenges of our time.

In the end, service binds us to each other – and to our communities and our country – in a way that nothing else can. It's how we become more fully American.

You don't have to devote your entire career to service – though I hope that many of the students here will. But I am asking you to have a public service mindset. I'm asking that no matter where you live, or what job you do, or what obstacles you face, you're always looking for ways to make service part of your life.

Whether it's through your workplace, your house of worship, or your local school. Whether it's in your own neighborhood or another where the need is greater. Whether you offer some special skill, or just an extra set of hands and a sympathetic ear.

I know you're busy. And I know that sometimes, even if you don't like to admit it, service can feel like a bit of a chore.

But if Mallory Myers can repeat last year's success and get more than 12,000 students to perform more than 1,200 service activities in this community – then surely you can round up a few friends to volunteer in your community too.

If President Bush could fly 58 combat missions when he was younger than many of you here today – and keep on fighting even after he was shot down and nearly captured by the enemy – then surely you can keep going when the giving gets tough.

If eleven year-old Erin Buenger [*Bing-er*] – whose all-too-short life touched so many in this community – could travel to Washington and lobby members of Congress for cancer funding while going through chemotherapy...if she could raise money by making lanyards and writing her own cookbook – all while making the honor role – then surely, you can find the strength to serve even when you face challenges in your own life.

That, ultimately, is the idea at the heart of President Bush's vision: that each of us has a role to play, and all of us have something to contribute. He didn't call for one blinding light shining from Washington; or a few bright lights from the biggest non-profits; but "...a vast galaxy of people and institutions working together to solve problems in their own backyard."

And today, twenty years later, think for a minute about the impact he's had. Think of the thousands of people and organizations who've been named Points of Light – and the countless others he inspired to do their part. Think of all the people they touched and the lives they changed – and all those who were helped who went on to help others. That is the extraordinary ripple effect that one life, lived humbly, with love for one's country, and in service to one's fellow citizens, can have. May we each strive to make that kind of difference with our own lives.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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**Remarks of President Barack Obama
Medal of Freedom Awards
February 15, 2011
Washington, DC**

...Finally, we recognize our last recipient, not simply for the years he spent as our 41st President. We honor George Herbert Walker Bush for service to America that has spanned nearly 70 years. From a decorated Navy pilot who nearly gave his life in World War II to U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. From CIA director to U.S. envoy to China to the vice presidency. His life is testament that public service is a noble calling.

As President, he expanded America's promise to new immigrants and people with disabilities. He reduced nuclear weapons and built a broad international coalition to expel a dictator from Kuwait. And when democratic revolutions swept across Eastern Europe, it was the steady diplomatic hand of President Bush that made possible an achievement once thought impossible – ending the Cold War without firing a shot.

I would add that, like the remarkable Barbara Bush, his humility and decency reflects the very best of the American spirit. Inspiring citizens to become "points of light" in service to others. Teaming up with a one-time political opponent to champion relief for the victims of the Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. And, well into his 80's, finding the courage to jump out of airplanes....because, he explains, "it feels good."

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**Remarks of President Barack Obama
Dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Library
Dallas, Texas
April 25, 2013**

To President Bush and Mrs. Bush; President Clinton and now-former Secretary Clinton; to President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Bush; President and Mrs. Carter; current and former world leaders and all the distinguished guests here today – Michelle and I are honored to be with you to mark this historic occasion.

This is a Texas-sized party. And that's worthy of what we're here to do: honor the life and legacy of the 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush.

When all the living former presidents are together it's also a special day for our democracy. We've been called "the world's most exclusive club" – and we do have a pretty nice clubhouse. But the truth is, our club is more like a support group. The last time we all got together was just before I took office. And I appreciated that. Because – as each of these leaders will tell you – no matter how much you may think you're ready to assume the office of the presidency, it's impossible to truly understand the nature of this job until it's yours, until you're sitting in that chair, at that desk.

That's why every president gains a greater appreciation for all those who served before him; for the leaders from both parties who have taken on the momentous challenges and felt the enormous weight of a nation on their shoulders. And for me, that appreciation extends to President Bush.

The first thing I found in that desk the day I took office was a letter from President Bush – one that demonstrated his compassion and generosity. For he knew what I would come to learn – that being President is above all a humbling job. There are moments when you make mistakes, and times when you wish you could turn back the clock. And what I know is true about President Bush, and what I hope my successor will say about me, is that he loved this country and did his best to make it stronger.

Now, in the past, President Bush has said it's impossible to pass judgment on his presidency while he's still alive. So maybe this is all a little premature. But even now, there are a few things we know for certain.

We know about the son who was raised by two strong, loving parents in Midland, famously inheriting, as he says, "my daddy's eyes and my mother's mouth." The young boy who once came home after a trip to a museum and proudly presented his horrified mother with a small dinosaur tail bone he had smuggled home in his pocket.

We know about the young man who met the love of his life at a dinner party, ditching his plans to go to bed early and instead talking with the brilliant and charming Laura Welch late into the night.

We know about the father who raised two caring, well-grounded daughters, even after they tried to discourage him from running for president, saying, "Dad...you're not as cool as you think you are." Mr. President, I can relate.

And now we see President Bush the grandfather, just beginning to spoil brand-new baby Mila.

So we know President Bush the man. But we also know something about President Bush the leader.

We will always remember the resolve that echoed through that bullhorn, as he stood amid the rubble and ruin of Ground Zero, promising to deliver justice to those who sought to destroy our way of life.

We remember the compassion he showed by leading the global fight against HIV/AIDS and malaria – helping save millions of lives and reminding people in some of the poorest corners of the globe that America cares, and that we're here to help.

And we remember his commitment to reaching across the aisle, to unlikely allies like Ted Kennedy, because he believed that we have to reform our schools in ways that help more of our children learn; that we have to repair a broken immigration system; that this progress is only possible when we build it together.

Seven years ago, President Bush restarted an important conversation by speaking with the American people about our history as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants. And even though comprehensive immigration reform has taken a little longer than any of us expected, I'm hopeful that this is the year we bring it home – for our families, our economy, our security, and this country we love. And if we do, it will be thanks in part to the hard work of President Bush.

Finally, a president bears no greater decision, no more solemn burden, than serving as Commander-in-Chief of the greatest military the world has ever known. As President Bush himself has said, "America must and will keep its word to those men and women who have given us so much." So even as we Americans may at times disagree on matters of foreign policy, we share a profound respect and reverence for the men and women of our military and their families. And we are united in our determination to comfort the families of the fallen and to care for those who wear the uniform of the United States.

On the flight back from Russia after negotiating with Nikita Khrushchev at the height of the Cold War, President Kennedy's secretary found a small slip of paper on which the president had written a favorite saying: "I know there is a God – and I see a storm coming. If He has a place for me, I believe I am ready." No one can ever be completely ready for this office. But America needs leaders who are willing to face the storm head-on, even as they pray to God for the strength and wisdom to do what they believe is right. That's what the leaders with whom I share

this stage have done. That's what President George W. Bush chose to do. And that's why I am honored to be here today to join in this celebration.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your service, your courage, your humor and your love of country. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.