

in Finland to a Slovakian castle. Dennis Seidenberg even brought it to his son's [daughters']<sup>\*</sup> christening.

Under the leadership of owner Jeremy Jacobs and Coach Julien, this team has shown a commitment to the game and to each other that is a testament to them, but obviously also a testament to fans who cheer for the black and gold all around the world. They know that being a champion doesn't end when you hang up your skates at the end of practice or at the end of the season. And the new banner that hangs from the rafters of the Garden commemorates the place that they have earned in history.

And I know that the season is heating up again, so I don't want to be too long. I just want to make sure that I wish everybody good luck

on the ice tomorrow night and during the rest of the season as well.

Congratulations, gentlemen. Great job. All right.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:45 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Thomas M. Menino of Boston, MA; Robert G. Orr, former defenseman, Brad Marchand, left wing, Nathan Horton, right wing, Zdeno Chara, defenseman, Tim Thomas, goaltender, Mark Recchi, former right wing, Claude Julien, head coach, and Dennis Seidenberg, defenseman, Boston Bruins; Katryna C. Julien, daughter of Mr. Julien; and Story and Noah Grace Seidenberg, daughters of Mr. Seidenberg.

## Statement on the European Union's Sanctions Against Iran *January 23, 2012*

I applaud today's actions by our partners in the European Union to impose additional sanctions on Iran in response to the regime's continuing failure to fulfill its international obligations regarding its nuclear program. These sanctions demonstrate once more the unity of the international community in addressing the serious threat presented by Iran's nuclear program. The United States will continue to im-

pose new sanctions to increase the pressure on Iran. On December 31, I signed into law a new set of sanctions targeting Iran's Central Bank and its oil revenues. Today the Treasury Department announced new sanctions on Bank Tejerat for its facilitation of proliferation, and we will continue to increase the pressure unless Iran acts to change course and comply with its international obligations.

## Address Before a Joint Session of the Congress on the State of the Union *January 24, 2012*

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of Congress, distinguished guests, and fellow Americans: Last month, I went to Andrews Air Force Base and welcomed home some of our last troops to serve in Iraq. Together, we offered a final, proud salute to the colors under which more than a million of our fellow citizens fought and several thousand gave their lives.

We gather tonight knowing that this generation of heroes has made the United States safer and more respected around the world. For the

first time in 9 years, there are no Americans fighting in Iraq. For the first time in two decades, Usama bin Laden is not a threat to this country. Most of Al Qaida's top lieutenants have been defeated. The Taliban's momentum has been broken, and some troops in Afghanistan have begun to come home.

These achievements are a testament to the courage, selflessness, and teamwork of America's Armed Forces. At a time when too many of our institutions have let us down, they exceed all expectations. They're not consumed with

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<sup>\*</sup> White House correction.