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and positive force. They shared the expectation that the U.S.-Japan friendship and global cooperation shall continue to grow stronger.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this joint statement.

Statement on House of Representatives Action on Scientific Research Legislation

June 29, 2006

I commend the House for approving full funding of the basic research component of the American Competitiveness Initiative through the Science, State, Justice and Commerce appropriations bill. With this funding, the House has shown that it is committed to supporting the work of our Nation's most brilliant scientists as they study promising areas such as new energy technologies, supercomputing, and nanotechnology.

I appreciate the support of Chairman Lewis and the tireless and effective efforts of Chairman Wolf, and I commend the House leadership's work to move quickly on the centerpiece of our innovation agenda. I urge the Senate to join the House in passing this important legislation.

Executive Order 13408—Amending Executive Order 13381, as Amended, To Extend its Duration by One Year

June 29, 2006

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to extend by 1 year the duration of Executive Order 13381 of June 27, 2005, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. Section 6(a) of Executive Order 13381 is amended by striking "April 1, 2006" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 1, 2007".

Sec. 2. Section 6(b) of Executive Order 13381 is amended by striking "July 1, 2006" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 2007".

George W. Bush

The White House,
June 29, 2006.

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NOTE: This Executive order was published in the *Federal Register* on July 3.

Remarks at a Dinner Honoring Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan

June 29, 2006

Mr. Prime Minister and distinguished guests, Laura and I thank you for joining us tonight, and we welcome you to the White House. This room has hosted many honored guests, and tonight it also hosts a treasured friend.

Mr. Prime Minister, our strong friendship has grown out of the strong alliance between our two nations. Japan and America share a common belief in the power of freedom to bring hope to millions who have not known it. And we share a common commitment to meet the challenges of our time and lay the foundations of peace for generations to come.

In our meetings today, you have once again demonstrated the qualities of character that both the Japanese people and the American people admire. You have an optimistic view of the world; you welcome hard work and big challenges; and you are determined that your great nation will continue to make a positive contribution to our world.

Mr. Prime Minister, more than 25 years ago, the White House welcomed another distinguished visitor who shared much in common with you. Like you, he had great hair. [*Laughter*] Like you, he was known to sing in public. [*Laughter*] And like you, he won admirers in countries far from home. That man was Elvis. [*Laughter*] And Laura and I are looking forward to joining you tomorrow in our visit to his home in Memphis.

But tonight, Mr. Prime Minister, it's my honor to offer a toast to you and to our friends and allies, the people of Japan.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:05 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of Prime Minister Koizumi.

Remarks at Graceland With Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan in Memphis, Tennessee

June 30, 2006

President Bush. It is such a joy to be here to Graceland. It's my first visit.

Prime Minister Koizumi. My first visit too.

President Bush. The Prime Minister's first visit.

Prime Minister Koizumi. It's like a dream, with President Bush and Presley's daughter.

President Bush. Thank you all for greeting us. You're awfully kind to be here.

Prime Minister Koizumi. You look like Elvis.

[*At this point, the late entertainer Elvis Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie, spoke in Japanese, and no translation was provided.*]

President Bush. The visit here is an indication of how well-known Elvis was around the world. A lot of people are still singing Elvis Presley songs here in the States, and there's a lot of people who love Elvis Presley in Japan, including the Prime Minister. This visit is also a way of reminding us about the close friendship between our peoples.

And, Mr. Prime Minister, thank you for agreeing to come here. A lot of Americans are thrilled you're here, particularly at Graceland. It means a lot to our country that you would be that interested in one of America's icons, Elvis Presley.

Prime Minister Koizumi. My birthday is the same as Elvis's.

President Bush. You and Elvis were born on the same day?

Prime Minister Koizumi. January 8th. Even now, I often listen to Elvis CDs.

President Bush. Still listen to Elvis CDs?

Prime Minister Koizumi. Sure.

President Bush. You're a pretty good Elvis singer.

Prime Minister Koizumi. I'm not impersonator.

[*Prime Minister Koizumi sang an Elvis song.*]

President Bush. I thought you were going to do "Blue Suede Shoes." Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:38 a.m. at Graceland. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Remarks Following a Tour of Graceland With Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan in Memphis

June 30, 2006

President Bush. First of all, the Prime Minister and I would like to thank Priscilla and Lisa for their gracious hospitality. And we thank the Graceland staff as well, for arranging this unusual experience. First of all, my presence here shows it's never too late to come to Graceland. Laura and I are—we've known Elvis Presley since we were growing up. He's obviously a major part of our music history. He had an international reputation. His reputation was so strong that he attracted the attention of the now Prime Minister of Japan.

I was hoping the Prime Minister would want to come to Graceland. I knew he loved Elvis; I didn't realize how much he loved Elvis. He not only knows Elvis's history, he can sing a pretty good Elvis song. This visit here shows that not only am I personally fond of the Prime Minister but the ties between our peoples are very strong as well.

And so, again, to the Presleys, thank you all. And Mr. Prime Minister, glad you joined us. Want to say a few comments?

Prime Minister Koizumi. It's like a dream. I never expected Mr. President come with me to visit Graceland. There's Elvis song: "To Dream Impossible." [*Laughter*]

[*At this point, Prime Minister Koizumi sang an Elvis song.*]

Prime Minister Koizumi. My dream came true. So thank you very much for—[*inaudible*]—thank you. Thank you very much for treating me nice. That's an Elvis song.

[*Prime Minister Koizumi sang another Elvis song.*]

Prime Minister Koizumi. Thank you.

President Bush. We're going to go have some barbeque. Thank you.