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STATEMENT ON THE FEBRUARY 17TH, 2011 LIBYAN REVOLUTION

I am pained and saddened at the barbaric assault inflicted upon the Libyan people by the dictator Mu'amar Al-Qaddafi and his sons; Saif, Mautasim, Khamis, Al Saadi, and members of the Libyan regime. As perpetrators of killing and a genocide of innocent men, women, and children through use of lethal and deadly force, and enlisting of foreign mercenaries, the members of the Qaddafi family and the Libyan regime must all be charged with crimes against humanity and brought to justice.

I call on the world community to stand by the Libyan people through IMMEDIATE, tangible and concrete action. I appeal to the UN, the U.S government, President Barrack Obama, the U.S Congress, and the American people, the European Community, and the Arab league to IMMEDIATELY do everything within their proscribed power to stop Qaddafi's madness and save the Libyan people from this tyrannical man his family and his regime.

On February 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2011 the residents of Benghazi, the second largest city in Libya started a peaceful demonstration in memory of the death of their sons in Abu Sleem prison on June 29th, 1996. Abu Sleem is a military barracks used by the Libyan regime to detain and imprison political activists. On that day regime thugs lead by Abdullah Al Sennussi, a central figure of the oppressive apparatus of the regime, shot and executed more than 1276 men in less than seventy two hours. It was confirmed that many were buried alive on the grounds of Abu Sleem, and the rest were craned onto trucks and placed in mass graves at unknown destinations.

Continuing peaceful demonstrations throughout Libya since February 15th have been met with unprecedented brutal force by regime thugs, and trained foreign mercenaries by use of tanks, heavy mortar guns, air force fighter planes, and snipers. The indiscriminate shelling is targeting men, women, children, medical doctors, ambulances, and hospitals.

The Libyan people, families and tribes are one, united in their determination to rid the world from this menace. I pray for all Libyans whose lives have been lost, and may god bless the Libyan people, and guide them as they chart a new course in the family of nations under a democratic, prosperous and a peaceful Libya