

Thank you, and God bless you all. Thank you.

I would like to ask all the Members of Congress to come up here for the bill signing. Officer Brown, why don't you come on up, and why don't we ask these police officers to come up with us today.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:37 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Marc Metayer, captain, Vermont State Police; and Henrico County, VA, police officer Andrew Margiotta. S. 1605, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, approved June 16, was assigned Public Law No. 105-181. H.R. 3565, the Care for Police Survivors Act of 1998, approved June 16, was assigned Public Law No. 105-180.

Remarks Honoring the 1998 Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos

June 16, 1998

Good afternoon. Thank you very much. Commissioner Tagliabue, Mr. Bowlen, Coach Shanahan, friends of the Broncos, I'm delighted to see all of you here. I want to especially acknowledge the presence here of Governor Romer and Senators Allard and Campbell and Hatch, Representatives DeGette, Schaefer, and Schaffer, and Mayor Webb, Ms. Martinez. And I'd like to say a special word of appreciation to Secretary Federico Peña and his wife, Ellen. He has been mayor of Denver, the Secretary of Transportation, and now the Secretary of Energy. And this is his last public event before going into the private sector, and he is going out on a high. So, thank you very much, Mr. Secretary.

Let me say to all of you, I think every football fan loved the last Super Bowl. Denver had one of the toughest roads to the Super Bowl in history, winning as a wild card team with a 12-point underdog, and won a magnificent game.

I learned that—where's Terrell, where are you? [*Laughter*] I asked him if he thought I would look good in that five-button coat. [*Laughter*] And he said it wasn't Presidential. [*Laughter*] He was—I learned in doing a little research for this event that he's the only person to ever win the MVP Award in his hometown and the only person ever to score

three rushing touchdowns. And not only that, he sat out a quarter, as you remember, with a migraine. So that's a pretty impressive performance, running behind the lightest, but maybe the best offensive line in pro football. As you can look up here, light is a relative term. [*Laughter*]

There are a lot of things about this team I like. Three of the players actually have connections to my home State, which made me feel very happy. But I can tell you that maybe the most remarkable thing is the loyalty of the community, the steadfastness of John Elway. We're sorry he couldn't be here, and we're glad he's okay. Fifteen seasons, over 48,000 yards, and he's the oldest person ever to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl. That's like being light—old is a relative term. [*Laughter*]

And Coach Shanahan, you've only been there 3 years, which is a remarkable tribute to your ability, and also to the teamwork of this team. I'm sure that every 1,000-yard receiver or 1,500-yard rusher, or star quarterback who's ever been part of a Super Bowl team would say that it's teams that win championships. And a great team won this championship. We're honored to have them in the White House today.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:15 p.m. in the East Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Paul Tagliabue, commissioner, National Football League; Pat Bowlen, owner, Mike Shanahan, coach, Terrell Davis, running back, and John Elway, quarterback, Denver Broncos; and Mayor Wellington E. Webb and city councilwoman Ramona Martinez of Denver, CO.

Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Dinner

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Thank you very much. First of all, I want to thank Herb and Patrice for having us here—first in their beautiful home, now in this beautiful tent—sitting on these wonderful chairs. [*Laughter*] I have great feelings about Denmark and recently had a wonderful visit there.

I'd like to thank my good friend Governor Romer—and my colleague of many years—