

## Thoughts on Tucson Jan. 14, 2011

Like everyone, I have been riveted and horrified by the shootings in Tucson on Jan. 8th. And, like everyone, I have been focusing my thoughts and prayers of late on all the victims of that terrible day.

But I found myself thinking more and more about the youngest victim, Christina Green, who, as everyone now knows, began her life in the shadow of the unspeakable horror of Sept. 11, 2001, only to have it end in yet another outburst of senseless violence. Mere words and tears are insufficient to express the sadness we all must feel for this little girl and her family.

The fact that Christina was hopeful for the future of her country, given all that occurred during her lifetime, was a testimony to the quality of her character, and greatly compounds our national sense of loss.

If you missed President Obama's speech at the memorial service in Tucson on Jan. 12, I encourage you to visit the White House website and read or watch his presentation. In his [remarks](#), which I believe are among his finest, the President reminded us that there are many young people in our country like Christina Green who have never seen their nation unite for a common, righteous purpose, who nevertheless believe that such a day will come and are willing to help make it happen.

For the sake of Christina Green, and all the young Americans who, despite everything, remain optimistic, I hope the adults in our nation will resolve to make 2011 the year we start doing more to live up to the obligations that good citizenship demands.

If it weren't clear before, it ought to be crystal clear now. Our nation is damaged, and our children won't be able to fix it unless we show them how. It's long past time for us to start setting a better example for our young people.





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