

San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival, 2006

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"I BELIEVE THAT ONLY IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH WE CAN APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES OF RACE AND RELIGION AND ETHNICITY, WHILE STILL INSISTING ON OUR COMMON HUMANITY, WILL MY OWN SOUL FEEL RESTED."

President Barack Obama,

from a 1999 essay about race and growing up in Hawai'i