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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and President Barack Obama at the Capitol in 2010

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and then-President Barack Obama in 2010.

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