

had the character necessary to do so. Jackie Robinson had both. And that's why we're honoring him today.

I found Martin Luther King's quote about him interesting. I'm sure you will too. He said, "He was a freedom rider before freedom rides." That's a pretty high compliment, when you think about it. He was—to me, it just says courage and decency and honor.

This son of Georgia sharecroppers was taught by his mother that the best weapon against racism was the use of his talent, his God-given talent, not to waste a minute, and he didn't. And that spirit, passed on from mother to son and now son to family, still lives through the Jackie Robinson Foundation. The Jackie Robinson Foundation is a noble cause to help academically gifted students of color go to college. I know the Dodgers will continue to support

that foundation. I hope baseball continues to do so as well.

It is my honor now to join Speaker Hastert and Senator Stevens in presenting the Congressional Gold Medal to Rachel Robinson, in the name of her husband, the great baseball star and great American, Jackie Robinson.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:18 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol. In his remarks, he referred to Rachel Robinson, widow of Jackie Robinson, and their daughter, Sharon Robinson, and son David Robinson; Allan H. "Bud" Selig, commissioner, Major League Baseball; Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., founder and president, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Inc.; and Frank McCourt, chairman, and Jamie McCourt, vice chairman, Los Angeles Dodgers.

## Remarks Honoring the 2004 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox March 2, 2005

Please be seated, unless you don't have a chair. [*Laughter*] So, like, what took you so long? [*Laughter*] Welcome. And welcome to the citizens of the Red Sox Nation. I'm proud to be joined by the Vice President. He's a Chicago Cubs fan. So, like, he knows what you've been through. [*Laughter*] We're really glad you're here.

There's been a lot of people in this town waiting for this day to come. Some have said it would be a cold day when the Red Sox made it here. [*Laughter*] I am honored to welcome the world champs, the mighty Boston Red Sox, to the White House.

I want to welcome the members of the Massachusetts delegation who are here. I know that Senator Kennedy is here. Senator Kerry is on his way. We have just finished a ceremony honoring Jackie Robinson. I know members of the congressional delegation are here from like Massachu-

setts, and everybody else that claims to be a Red Sox State. [*Laughter*] You all are welcome here.

I appreciate the commissioner coming. And Bob, it's good to see you. I thank the members of my Cabinet who are here. I appreciate the mayor being here, the mayor of Boston. You've had a heck of a year, Mayor. [*Laughter*] I want to thank and welcome my friend Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino. I'm sorry John Henry is sick. You know, Lucchino, I knew you'd amount to something eventually. [*Laughter*]

I appreciate the way this team played baseball. You know, it took a lot of guts, and it took a lot of hair. [*Laughter*] It took a great manager and coaching staff, and I'll never forget calling Terry Francona after the team won the championship, and he—the only thing I remember him saying was, "It's all—it all depended upon the

players,” which is why he’s a good manager, isn’t it?

I appreciate the fact that Dom DiMaggio and Jimmy Piersall are with us. You guys represent a lot of great Boston Red Sox players that a lot of us grew up watching play, and you’re welcome here in the White House, and you’re representing a great tradition of wonderful folks.

You know, the last time the Red Sox were here, Woodrow Wilson lived here. [Laughter] There were only 16 teams in baseball then. After the World Series victory in 1918, a reporter from Boston said, “The luckiest baseball spot on Earth is Boston, for it has never lost a World Series.” [Laughter] That’s one optimistic writer. [Laughter]

Senator, welcome. Good to see you. Only time I—I like to see Senator Kerry, except when we’re fixing to debate—[laughter]—if you know what I mean. [Laughter]

No one really expected the answer to the “Curse of the Bambino” would come from a group of players that call themselves “idiots,” except for maybe idiots who don’t understand baseball. This is a heck of a team. This is a team that came together from South Korea and Dominican Republic, from Anchorage, Alaska, Fort Riley, Kansas, and incredibly enough, Midland, Texas. [Applause] Oh, yes. Finally, somebody from Midland amounted to something. [Laughter]

I love the way this team played, and so do baseball fans. I mean, this is a team that won eight games in a row when it wasn’t supposed to. It’s kind of courage and a couple of stitches. You answered 86 years of prayer. That’s an amazing feat, isn’t it? I mean, when the Red Sox won, people all over the world cheered. They cheered in New England, and they cheered in

Baghdad, Iraq. One guy said—from Boston—he said, “Now we just have to wait for the other six signs of the apocalypse.” [Laughter]

I really appreciate what Boston does off the field too. The Jimmy Fund is a classic example of a sports franchise giving something back to the community in which they play. You created the Red Sox Scholars, which awards scholarships to disadvantaged fifth graders. I appreciate what individual players do. I know firsthand what the Schillings do, the SHADE Foundation to work to prevent skin cancer and the—and Shonda and Curt’s leadership in the battle against Lou Gehrig’s disease. I appreciate what the Red Sox are doing in the Dominican Republic with “Senor Octubre.”

But most of all, our purpose here is to welcome champs. We wish you all the best in the upcoming season. We know that you’ve been able to do what has been viewed to be the impossible. And just like that sportswriter said in 1918, you know, Boston is the place to cover champs.

Welcome to the White House. May God continue to bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:54 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Allan H. “Bud” Selig, commissioner, and Robert A. DuPuy, president and chief executive officer, Major League Baseball; Thomas C. Werner, chairman, Larry Lucchino, president and chief executive officer, John W. Henry, principal owner, and Terry Francona, manager, Boston Red Sox; Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling and his wife, Shonda Schilling; former Red Sox players Dom DiMaggio and Jimmy Piersall; and Red Sox designated hitter David “Senor Octubre” Ortiz.

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting  
Supplemental Budget Requests for the Legislative Branch and the Judicial  
Branch for Fiscal Year 2005

March 2, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As a matter of comity, I am transmitting to the Congress, without modification, the enclosed requested amounts from the Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch for FY 2005.

The details of these requests are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency  
Blocking Property of Persons Undermining Democratic Processes or  
Institutions in Zimbabwe

March 2, 2005

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on March 5, 2004 (69 FR 10313).

The crisis constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions has not been resolved. These actions and policies pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
March 2, 2005.

NOTE: The notice is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.