

always talk about, records are made to be broken. Let me talk about some of the records of the New England Patriots. In back-to-back championship seasons, you've won 34 games. That's a record. You've won nine straight playoff games, which ties a record. The coach has the best playoff record in league history. This is a club that has won 20 games in a row in the home park. If you're going to win 20 games, it's probably good to do it in your home stadium, you know. It tends to make the fans want to come back—doesn't it, Marty?

I appreciate the inspiration you've shown for the region—inspired the Red Sox. I think the Patriots have also inspired the Celtics. But whatever is happening in New England, it's a pretty strong sports record, anchored by the great New England Patriots, champs 3 out of 4 years.

And so, welcome back. We're glad you're here. I want to thank you for what you've done off the field. I did so the last time you were here; I want to do it again. I want to thank you for the importance that you've shown for education and literacy. I appreciate the example that you've set for kids. I want to thank you for working in youth football. I want to thank you for supporting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Massachusetts. There's nothing better than encouraging mentoring to help save a child's life. And as a pro football champion, you have an opportunity to do just that.

I appreciate Larry Izzo. He went to Rice, as I understand it. Is that right? Yes, Rice University in Houston, Texas. Guess what he did? He went overseas to the USO—the Pat Tillman USO in Afghanistan. And I want to thank you for doing that. Is it Izzo or “Eyezo?”

**Linebacker Larry Izzo.** Izzo.

**The President.** Yes. Well, if you're from Texas, you say “Eyezo,” and if you're from—[laughter].

**Mr. Izzo.** It sounds good to me.

**The President.** If you're from Massachusetts, it's Izzo. At least I got Rice right. [Laughter]

I also want to thank you all for going by Walter Reed and the National Naval Medical Center here in Washington. I think you saw firsthand the definition of courage when you

saw those young soldiers who had been wounded that are working hard to overcome their injuries. I can assure you that your visit helped lift their spirits. There's nothing better than a Super Bowl champ encouraging somebody to continue to work hard to recover. And I want to, again, thank you for that. Thank you for your example.

I once again welcome you back. You know, I think I said last time there's a chance you'll be back. I wasn't sure about me. [Laughter] I'm confident I'll be back next year—[laughter]—and the way you've been playing, there's a good chance you will be too. Congratulations, and welcome.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:35 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Robert Kraft, chairman and owner, Jonathan Kraft, vice chairman, Tedy Bruschi, linebacker, and Adam Vinatieri, kicker, New England Patriots.

### **Executive Order 13376— Amendments to Executive Order 12863, Relating to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board April 13, 2005**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458), and to update and clarify Executive Order 12863, which created the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, Executive Order 12863 of September 13, 1993, as amended by Executive Orders 13070 of December 15, 1997, and 13301 of May 14, 2003, is further amended as follows:

- (a) effective upon appointment of the Director of National Intelligence, by striking “Director of Central Intelligence” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “Director of National Intelligence”; and
- (b) by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

**“Sec. 3.4.** This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch of the Federal Government, and is not intended to, and does not, create

any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the United States, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.”.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
April 13, 2005.

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**Executive Order 13377—  
Designating the African Union as a  
Public International Organization  
Entitled To Enjoy Certain Privileges,  
Exemptions, and Immunities**  
*April 13, 2005*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 1 and 12 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288 and 288f–2), as amended by section 569(h) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2005 (Division D of Public Law 108–447), it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Designation.** The African Union is hereby designated as a public international organization entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions, and immunities provided by the International Organizations Immunities Act.

**Sec. 2. Non-Abridgement.** The designation in section 1 of this order is not intended to abridge in any respect privileges, exemptions, or immunities that the African Union otherwise may have acquired or may acquire by law.

**Sec. 3. Revocation.** Executive Order 11767 of February 19, 1974, is revoked.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
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**Remarks and a Question-and-Answer  
Session at the American Society of  
Newspaper Editors Convention**  
*April 14, 2005*

**The President.** Thank you all. Please be seated. Thanks, Rich. I appreciate the chance to come back—more than you know. [*Laughter*] I miss my hometown newspaper. Austin was my hometown newspaper for quite a while. I miss reading it every morning as it was thrown on the Governor’s Mansion doorsteps, but not enough to want to stay here for 4 more years. [*Laughter*]

I appreciate your leadership, Rich. Two thoughts came to mind when I first saw Rich. One, he has to work with a guy named Ken Herman. [*Laughter*] Is Herman in the pool today?

**Ken Herman.** Yes, sir, Mr. President.

**The President.** Yes, okay. [*Laughter*] Just trying to help you out—[*laughter*]—kind of like you try to help me out, you know what I mean? [*Laughter*]

And second, I know Rich is proud of his son, Rich, Jr., who is Baghdad. My daughter Barbara—one of our daughters went to Yale, and she brought a fellow over the other day. I said, “What are you doing?” He said, “Well, I was in your daughter’s class. I’m in Baghdad, and I’m working with the State Department to help shepherd the press corps.” I said, “Oh, who are some of the characters you’ve run into there?” And he mentioned a guy named John Burns, who I had known when my dad was the liaison officer in China. And believe it or not, he mentioned Oppel. I said, “I know the old man.” [*Laughter*]

I know you’re proud of him. I appreciate the service he’s providing.

And I want to thank Karla Garrett Harshaw as well, from Clark County, Ohio. Happens to be one of my favorites. [*Laughter*]

Just a couple of brief thoughts, and I’d be glad to answer some questions if you have any. [*Laughter*] Here’s what Jefferson said. Jefferson said, “Our liberty depends on freedom of the press; that cannot be limited without being lost.” He also went on to say, “I’ve