

Games 3 and 4 went the way of the Cubs resulting in a 3 to 1 deficit that looked monumental to overcome. However, under the leadership of Manager Jack McKeon and behind the arm of pitcher Josh Beckett, the Marlins and Beckett gave baseball fans an exciting two-hit, complete game shutout sending the series back to Chicago. Down 3 games to 2, the Marlin players were never swayed from their sheer competitive spirit and gamesmanship. With the undaunting task of facing Cubs ace Mark Prior, the Marlins battled the Cubs the entire game. However, with one out in the top of the eighth inning, a World Series berth seemed out of reach. Throughout the 2003 regular season and the postseason to date, the Marlins have fought back when trailing an opposing team. Game 6 was no different. In a span of 10 minutes, the Marlins had turned Game 6 from being down 3-0, to leading 8-3 due to the solid hitting of men like Juan Pierre, Pudge Rodriguez, Miguel Cabrera, Jeff Conine, Derek Lee, and utility fielder Mike Mordecai. The thrilling series was now deadlocked 3 games apiece.

Last night's Game 7 is every fan's postseason dream. Two teams tied and playing with everything on the line with the chance of being crowned National League Champions and a trip to the fall classic. As we all know, the Marlins came out swinging against Cubs star pitcher Kerry Wood. Despite losing a lead, the Marlins continued their case of consistent and timely hitting. In the end, the Marlins once again shocked the baseball world.

Mr. Speaker, this Marlins fan congratulates Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Loria, Skipper Jack McKeon, the Marlins coaching staff, MVP Pudge Rodriguez, each player and the entire Marlins organization and fans on a wonderful National League Series and much luck in the World Series.

FRANK RAFLO, HONORED BY
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize my constituent Mr. Frank Raflo, of Leesburg, VA, upon his receipt of "The Hixon Award," the highest award presented by Kiwanis International.

Frank, referenced fondly by friends and associates as "Mr. Leesburg," has earned the admiration of many for his tireless efforts on behalf of the community. Frank served Leesburg as mayor, county supervisor and chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. Now in his early eighties he remains active on the Governor's Council of Virginia Towns and writes his weekly column "Just Being Frank," for the Leesburg Today newspaper.

In 1957, Frank and some associates founded the Leesburg Kiwanis Club and soon after instituted the Leesburg Halloween Parade, said to be the largest of its kind east of the Mississippi River.

No recognition of Frank's contributions to the Leesburg community would be complete without mention of his wife Frances, a source of inspiration and encouragement.

I am proud to call attention to the achievements of Frank Raflo as he is honored with

this prestigious award. On behalf of the people of Virginia's 10th Congressional District and the Leesburg community, I congratulate Frank for his outstanding contributions to the community.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Chairman, I rise for the purpose of responding to the comments of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Congressman MURTHA. As the gentleman from Pennsylvania knows, I am interested in seeing that Army Air Force Exchange Service obtains adequate funding, so it can recover some of the losses it has incurred in supporting our troops in immediate combat areas. It is my understanding that the Committee intends to allocate \$30 million of the funds allocated to the Army Operations and Maintenance account to the Army Air Force Exchange Service, but I understand the needs of the AAFES is \$40.5 million.

I was considering offering an amendment to increase the amount for AAFES by \$10.5 million. However, it is my understanding that the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee shares my concern in this area and is willing to address the funding shortfall when we prepare an Omnibus Appropriations bill.

A BILL TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE PASSIVE LOSS LIMITATIONS TO TIMBER ACTIVITIES

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation today to help small and family owned timber owners comply with the passive activity rules as set out in the Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury Department regulations. The current rules require a taxpayer owning timber to devote at least 500 hours per year to the tree growing business or 100 hours of personal work under an unpredictable "facts and circumstances" test.

While the typical small grower assumes huge risk from pests, fire and wind and costs such as local property taxes, clearing and pest control, he or she would be hard pressed to devote even 100 hours a year to working in the forest. With little or no income in the years between harvests, small timber owners' expenditures become passive losses deductible

many, many years in the future, severely impacting the owners' already modest cash flow.

My bill would provide a narrow exception to small (80 percent owned by no more than 5 people) and family timber owners. The bill would provide an exception for these taxpayers performing fewer than 100 hours or in the instance when the owners manage a third party to perform the needed services.

We must create a self-sustaining resource of trees to ensure raw materials for paper products as well as to provide a continuing supply of reasonably affordable building materials for consumers. And it is increasingly obvious that our most reliable source will be the millions of acres of privately owned forestlands. Timber farming is a long-term, high-risk venture, subject to the uncertainties of disease, fire and a highly unpredictable marketplace. My bill will ensure that small timber holders continue to be a viable part of this essential industry.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE AND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3289) making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Chairman, I want to respond to the concerns shared by the gentle lady from Michigan, Ms. KILPATRICK, and assure her that we do share her concerns. We agree that the AAFES and the other exchanges should be reimbursed for extraordinary costs serving in forward deployed areas. As the gentle lady knows, the Exchange Service is a nonappropriated fund activity. But there have been times when Congress has had to appropriate funds to help the exchange services with extraordinary costs for supporting our troops in immediate combat areas. This is one of those times. We agree that we need to do more to help the Exchange Services so our troops can have access to items we consider basic necessities here at home. We think we can take a look at this issue when we begin serious negotiations on an Omnibus Appropriations bill.

HONORING MICHAEL BRADY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Brady, a dedicated and noteworthy humanitarian, who was a committed public servant to his community of Smithtown, Long Island. On August 28, 2003, Mike lost his battle with cancer, and left behind a legacy of caring for the youth of his community.