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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

Martinez, the great pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, is the class of the American League. Yesterday, the Baseball Writers’ Association of America confirmed that judgment by unanimously selecting Pedro Martinez as the winner of the Cy Young Award for the American League for 1999.

Pedro’s record this year was brilliant. His 23 victories, his earned run average of 2.07, and his 313 strikeouts led the league in all three of those categories, and his dramatic victory over the New York Yankees in the third game of the American League Championship Series last month was the crowning achievement in his extraordinary season.

All of us in Boston are proud of the Red Sox and proud of Pedro Martinez. I congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition, and I ask unanimously to the RECORD “Flash” about the award be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

RED SOX FLASH, NOV. 16, 1999

This afternoon Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez was selected the 1999 American League Cy Young award winner by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. The voting was unanimous, with Pedro finishing with 140 points, including all 28 first place votes.

Martinez led the American League in seven major pitching categories, including wins (23), ERA (2.07), strikeouts (313), becoming the first Red Sox pitcher to lead the AL in those three categories since Cy Young in 1901. Martinez’ 2.07 ERA was more than a run less than New York’s David Cone, who ranked 2nd in ERA at 3.44. The right-hander also became the third pitcher to win the award in both leagues, joining Randy Johnson (1995 NL & 1996 AL) and Bob Taylor (1971 NL & 1972 AL). He also becomes the fifth pitcher to win the award with two different clubs.

Pedro’s 313 strikeouts in 1999 set a new Red Sox single season record. Martinez became the first American League pitcher with 300 or more strikeouts in a season since Randy Johnson in 1993 with Seattle (308) and he is one of 14 different pitchers to have struck out 300 or more batters in a season. He is the second pitcher in Major League History to achieve 300 or more strikeouts in both leagues (Randy Johnson is the other). Pedro is only the 9th player in Major League History to strike out 300 or more batters in a season more than once joining Nolan Ryan (6x), Sandy Koufax (3x), Randy Johnson (3x, including ’99), Sam McDowell (2x), Curt Schilling (2x), Walter Johnson (2x) and J.K. Richard (2x).

The Dominican Republic native tossed his 2nd career 1 hitter on September 10th at New York and set a career high with 17 strikeouts (tying the Major League season-high in 1997). Martinez became the first Red Sox pitcher to win 20 games since Roger Clemens in 1990 (21-6) and the first Sox pitcher other than Clemens since Dennis Eckersley in 1978. He also set a team record by striking out 10 or more batters 19 times in a season. He became the first right-handed pitcher to record 15 or more strikeouts in a season since Nolan Ryan in 1974. Pedro struck out the side 18 times in his 231.3 IP and has struck out 10 or more batters 94 times in his career, 27 times as a Red Sox.

Pedro Martinez becomes the third Red Sox pitcher to win the Cy Young award, joining Roger Clemens (1986, 1987 & 1991) and Jim Lonborg (1967). He is only the fifth AL Cy Young Award winner since 1967, when the award was first presented to a pitcher in both the American League and National League.

Previous AL Cy Young Award Winners:

1998 Roger Clemens, Toronto Blue Jays
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1996 Pat Hentgen, Detroit Tigers
1995 Randy Johnson, Seattle Mariners
1994 Dave Cone, Kansas City Royals
1993 Jack McDowell, Chicago White Sox
1992 Dennis Eckersley, Oakland Athletics
1991 Roger Clemens, Boston Red Sox
1990 Bob Welch, Oakland Athletics
1989 Bret Saberhagen, Kansas City Royals
1988 Frank Viola, Minnesota Twins
1987 Roger Clemens, Boston Red Sox
1986 Randy Johnson, Seattle Mariners
1985 Jack McDowell, Chicago White Sox
1984 Guillermo (Willie) Hernandez, Detroit Tigers
1983 LaMarr Hoyt, Chicago White Sox
1982 Pete Vuckovich, Milwaukee Brewers
1981 Rollie Fingers, Oakland Athletics
1980 Steve Stone, Baltimore Orioles
1979 Mike Flanagan, Baltimore Orioles
1978 Ron Guidry, New York Yankees
1977 Sparky Lyle, New York Yankees
1976 Jim Palmer, Baltimore Orioles
1975 Jim Palmer, Baltimore Orioles
1974 Jim (Catfish) Hunter, Oakland Athletics
1973 Jim Palmer, Baltimore Orioles
1972 Gaylord Perry, Cleveland Indians
1971 Vida Blue, Oakland Athletics
1970 Jim Perry, New York Yankees
1969 (tie) Mike Cuellar, Baltimore Orioles; Denny McLain, Detroit Tigers
1968 Denny McLain, Detroit Tigers
1967 Jim Lonborg, Boston Red Sox
1966 Dean Chance, Los Angeles Angels
1965 Early Wynn, Chicago White Sox
1964 Dean Chance, Los Angeles Angels
1963 Jack Sanford, New York Yankees
1962 Bob Turley, New York Yankees
1961 Whitey Ford, New York Yankees
1960 Dean Chance, Los Angeles Angels
1959 Early Wynn, Chicago White Sox
1958 Bob Turley, New York Yankees
1957 Bob Friend, Pittsburgh Pirates

Note: One award from 1956–66; NL pitchers

PREVIOUS NL CY YOUNG AWARD WINNERS

1989 Bret Saberhagen, Kansas City Royals
1988 Steve Stone, Baltimore Orioles
1987 Roger Clemens (2x), Sandy Koufax (3x), Randy Johnson (3x, tying the Major League season-high in 1999).

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, in July, when the Senate debated the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary fiscal year 2000 spending bill, an important amendment was adopted to the bill. That amendment, offered by my colleague Senator BOXER, would have made it illegal to sell or transfer firearms or ammunition to anyone under the influence of drugs. Under current law, it is illegal to sell firearms or ammunition to a purchaser under the influence of illicit drugs. This would simply close the loophole by making it illegal for someone under the influence of alcohol to purchase the same products.

It is unconscionable that House and Senate conferees deleted this commonsense provision from the bill. Unfortunately, this is just another example of how reasonable legislation is repeatedly stymied by the power of the NRA.

THE MICROSOFT RULING

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, two core principles guide our economy, competition and the rule of law. In the absence of competition there is no innovation or consumer choice. For over 100 years the anti-trust laws have served as an indispensable bulwark to ensure that unfettered competition does not result in monopoly power that stifles innovation and denies consumers a choice.

So it is curious that a veritable who’s who of “conservative” politicians and think tanks unleashed a barrage of attacks attacking Federal Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson’s decision in United States v. Microsoft.

Based on a voluminous record, Judge Jackson found that Microsoft had succeeded in stifling innovations that would benefit consumers, for the sole reason that they do not coincide with Microsoft’s self-interest.”

The factual findings of the District Court held that “Microsoft will use its