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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

CONGRATULATING THE AMAZING NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON WINNING SUPER BOWL LIII BY THE SCORE OF 13-3 OVER THE LOS ANGELES RAMS

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Lima, Filippi, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 06, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On February 3, 2019, the New England Patriots won their sixth Super Bowl
2 tying the Pittsburgh Steelers for the most Super Bowls won in NFL history. Super Bowl LIII,
3 played in Atlanta, Georgia, is the ninth Super Bowl the Patriots have played in since the start of
4 their dynasty in the 2001 season. The Patriots franchise has also made eleven Super Bowl
5 appearances in its history, the most by any NFL team; and

6 WHEREAS, Super Bowl LIII surprised most observers when it turned into a low-scoring
7 defensive struggle. The Patriots defense stifled the Rams and star quarterback Jared Goff thanks
8 to the ferocious pass rush provided by Dont'a Hightower, Kyle Van Noy and others, and the tight
9 pass coverage provided by a standout secondary led by Stephon Gilmore, Devin McCourty and
10 Patrick Chung. Rams superstar running back Todd Gurley was also shut down by the hard-hitting
11 Patriots defense which limited him to a meager total of 35 yards rushing; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Brady, who has set a record for the most Super Bowls won by a player
13 with six, and most appearances as a player with nine, once again showed why he's the
14 quarterback you want on your side under pressure, as he led the Patriots on a clutch touchdown
15 scoring drive late in the fourth quarter to take the lead in the game. In this scoring drive, Brady hit
16 an array of receivers down the field on the march to the end zone. Brady and Gronkowski
17 connected for two key completions, one of which got the Patriots to the Rams two-yard line.
18 Julian Edelman, the Super Bowl MVP, caught a key pass as did running back Rex Burkhead.
19 Rookie running back sensation Sony Michel ran the ball in from the two yard line to finish off the

1 drive; and

2 WHEREAS, Once again Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick, who has set records for
3 most Super Bowl wins and appearances by an NFL Head Coach, expertly prepared his team for a
4 big game. The Patriots quick-changing schemes on defense had the entire Rams offense off-
5 balance and flustered for the entire game. On offense, the Patriots controlled the time of
6 possession and when they needed a score, they delivered with a lightning-fast five-play drive that
7 took less than three minutes. Having Belichick on the sideline is almost like having an extra
8 player on the field; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the New England Patriots on defeating the Los
11 Angeles Rams to win Super Bowl LIII; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to New England Patriots owner, Robert Kraft, and
14 Head Coach Bill Belichick.

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