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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CONGRATULATING THE PILGRIM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING
THE 2019 RHODE ISLAND DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Jackson, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, and
Shekarchi

Date Introduced: February 05, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Pilgrim Patriots put together a season for the ages as they compiled a
2 perfect 13-0 record and won the Division III State Championship, their first Football
3 Championship in 44 years. This accomplishment by the Pilgrim Football Team is all the more
4 remarkable given that just two years ago they went winless; and

5 WHEREAS, Pilgrim dominated their opposition during the regular season, winning most
6 of their games by two touchdowns or more. The Patriots entered the playoffs as the one-seed and
7 in the semi-finals, they dispatched Narragansett by the score of 30-12, to set up a Rhode Island
8 Super Bowl Championship game match at Cranston Stadium against two-seeded Tolman; and

9 WHEREAS, In a thrilling and hard-hitting Championship game, Pilgrim and Tolman
10 were tied at 14 apiece with the Patriots facing a crucial third and fifteen from the Tolman thirty-
11 two-yard line. In the biggest play of the season, Pilgrim Quarterback Mike Borges, the Frank
12 Morley MVP of the Championship game, completed a clutch pass to wide receiver Ethan
13 Laramee to secure a vital first down at the Tolman fifteen yard line. After hitting running back
14 Demitri Ayres with another completion at the one-yard line, Mike Borges ran the ball into the end
15 zone to put the Patriots ahead for good with 36 seconds left in the game. Borges would also rush
16 for a successful two-point conversion to secure a 22-14 victory over Tolman and victory in the
17 Super Bowl; and

18 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship requires that every member of the team give
19 their all and put their personal aspirations aside in support of team needs and goals. The Pilgrim

1 High School Football Team had these qualities in abundance as they were led all season by the
2 outstanding play provided by Mike Borges, Demitri Ayres, Ethan Laramée, Ethan Asadorian,
3 Max Brown, Zach Diffley, Connor Fallon, Adam Ferrara, Dylan Gallagher, Nick Kirejczyk, Will
4 Kneebone, Dikran Krikorian, DJ Lawson, Jacob Longtin, Lucas Modestil, Owen O’Sullivan,
5 Cesar Pascual, Quincy Randall, Joe Rapa, TJ Xayapanya, Kobi Almeida, Nick Brewer, Gabe
6 Haley, Troy Masse, Damian Branca, Brady Burke, Richard Cole, Zech Dimezza, Alexander
7 Filippou, Elijah Germain, Danny Halliwell, Nikolai Hulkow, Xavier Johnson, Austin Kilduff,
8 Jakob Mathieu, Jaydyn Moniz, Andrew O’Leary, Marcus Pascual, Matt Simpson, Josh Wahl,
9 Connor Widmer, John Cotugno, Jarek Haley, Kenneth Irizarry, Lucas Pirraglia, Lawrence
10 Robinson, Matthew Santos, and Joe Taber. The Pilgrim Football Team also benefitted all season
11 from the outstanding leadership and sterling coaching provided by Head Coach, Blake Simpson,
12 and Assistant Coaches, Owen Kelly, Shane Kelly, William King and Joshua Ginaitt; now,
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Pilgrim High School Football Team on winning
16 the 2019 Rhode Island Division III State Championship; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Blake Simpson, Head Football Coach,
19 Pilgrim High School.

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