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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ROBERT KRAFT, BILL BELICHICK AND HIS COACHING STAFF,  
AND THE ENTIRE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ORGANIZATION ON WINNING SUPER  
BOWL XLIX

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Picard, Pearson, E O'Neill, and Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: February 04, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, In a thrilling Super Bowl that will go down in history as one of the greatest  
2 ever played, the New England Patriots once again came back from a deficit to defeat the Seattle  
3 Seahawks 28-24 to win their fourth Super Bowl in fourteen years; and

4           WHEREAS, The Patriots were led to victory by their irreplaceable quarterback, Tom  
5 Brady, who completed 37 of 50 passes for 377 yards and four touchdown passes, on his way to  
6 winning his third Super Bowl MVP Award. He is the career Super Bowl record holder for most  
7 touchdown passes, completed passes, and most passing yardage; and

8           WHEREAS, The Patriots were also aided by a deep receiving corps that consistently  
9 found ways to get open and make plays against the tough Seattle defense. Julian Edelman played  
10 a fantastic game with 9 catches, 109 yards receiving, and one touchdown pass while tight end  
11 Rob Gronkowski fought off constant double teams to catch 6 passes, including one for a  
12 touchdown pass. Receivers Brandon LaFell and Danny Amendola also caught touchdown passes  
13 while Shane Vereen led the Patriots receiving corps with 11 catches; and

14           WHEREAS, All season, The Patriots defense has been an underrated force that has  
15 consistently stymied opposing offenses and made big plays when most needed. Fittingly, as Super  
16 Bowl XLIX was coming to a dramatic conclusion, it was unheralded defensive back Malcolm  
17 Butler who stepped up and made one of the greatest plays in Super Bowl history when he  
18 intercepted Seattle Quarterback Russell Wilson's pass at the goal line to clinch victory for the  
19 Patriots; and

1           WHEREAS, New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick cemented his place within  
2 the pantheon of the greatest professional football coaches by winning his fourth Super Bowl,  
3 tying him with Chuck Noll for the most Super Bowl wins by an NFL Head Coach. His playoff  
4 record with the Patriots of 21 and 8, and regular season record of 175 and 65, are astounding  
5 achievements and a legacy of greatness that few coaches in any sport can match; now, therefore  
6 be it

7           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby congratulates the New England Patriots on winning Super Bowl XLIX. We congratulate  
9 Robert Kraft, Bill Belichick and the entire New England Patriots team and organization for their  
10 successful season and wish them continued success next season and beyond; and be it further

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

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