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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON THEIR STERLING 2015-2016
NFL SEASON AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY
24, 2016, IN THE AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AGAINST THE DENVER BRONCOS

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Picard, Pearson, Doyle, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: January 21, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In the 2015-2016 season, the New England Patriots had another elite NFL
2 season, as they once again won the AFC East Division, compiling an outstanding 12-4 regular
3 season record. Since 2001, the Patriots, thanks in large part to the innovative coaching and
4 exemplary leadership provided by Head Coach Bill Belichick, have made the playoffs thirteen
5 times in the last fifteen years and have played in six Super Bowls, winning four of them; and

6 WHEREAS, The Patriots were led on the field by quarterback Tom Brady, who once
7 again had an outstanding season, throwing for an amazing 4,770 yards, with a 64.4 completion
8 percentage, and throwing 36 touchdowns and only 7 interceptions. Also contributing to the
9 Patriots' success this season is an outstanding receiver corps led by all-world tight end Rob
10 Gronkowski, who caught 72 passes for 1,176 yards. Also contributing significantly to the Patriots'
11 high octane offense were Julian Edelman, Danny Amendola and an excellent offensive line. The
12 Patriots also benefitted all season long from a superb kicking game, provided by kicker Stephen
13 Gostkowski and punter Ryan Allen, and a hard-hitting and stingy defense; and

14 WHEREAS, In the Patriots' first playoff game this season, they beat the Kansas City
15 Chiefs by the score of 27 to 20, controlling the game from start to finish. Brady once again played
16 his best when things mattered most, throwing two touchdown passes and rushing for another
17 touchdown at the goal line. Gronkowski and Amendola proved to be unstoppable in the passing
18 attack, and the Patriots' defense contained the Chiefs high scoring offense. Next week the Patriots
19 travel to Denver to play the Denver Broncos in the AFC Championship game, the fifth straight

1 AFC title game for the Patriots; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby congratulates New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, Head Coach Bill Belichick, and
4 the entire team on their successful 2015-2016 season, and we wish them continued success next
5 Sunday in the AFC Championship game against the Denver Broncos; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

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