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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON THEIR SPECTACULAR WIN  
AT THE AFC CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Kennedy, and Filippi

Date Introduced: January 22, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The New England Patriots hadn't won an AFC Championship Game on the  
2 road since the 2004 season, but on Sunday, January 20th, 2019, they broke that barrier when they  
3 won a thrilling 37 to 31 overtime victory over the Chiefs in Kansas City; and

4           WHEREAS, The Patriots, played in their eighth straight championship game, the most in  
5 the NFL Super Bowl era. In the last eighteen years, Quarterback Tom Brady and Coach Bill  
6 Belichick made it to nine Super Bowls, winning five thus far. Together, they have also made the  
7 NFL playoffs sixteen times in the last eighteen years and have finished in first place, (outright or  
8 tied) in the AFC East for seventeen of the last eighteen years; and

9           WHEREAS, After thrashing the Los Angeles Chargers at home in the first round of the  
10 playoffs, the Patriots entered the championship game as the underdogs against an explosive  
11 Chiefs team led by their phenom quarterback Patrick Mahomes. However, it was the Patriots who  
12 took control of the game early as they dominated the first half and finished it with a 14 to 0 lead  
13 thanks to a strong running game that consistently gashed the Chiefs front wall, the accurate  
14 passing of Tom Brady, the sterling play of the Patriots offensive line and a Patriots defense that  
15 smothered Mahomes and shut down their vaunted passing attack in the first half; and

16           WHEREAS, In the second half, the Chiefs showed why they had arguably been the best  
17 NFL team for most of the regular season as they stormed back to take the lead in the fourth  
18 quarter. From there the game became a nail-biting see-saw affair with both offenses looking  
19 unstoppable. The Patriots took back the lead and later regained the lead thanks to the tough

1 running provided by Sony Michel and Rex Burkhead, and the key catches made by Rob  
2 Gronkowski, Julian Edelman, James White and Chris Hogan. When the Chiefs tied the game with  
3 a field goal with eight seconds left, one of the greatest championship games in NFL history was  
4 heading to overtime; and

5 WHEREAS, In overtime, on the road and in a very difficult environment, once again  
6 Tom Brady showed why he is inarguably the greatest NFL quarterback of all time as he marched  
7 the Patriots down the field from their own twenty-five yard line to victory and another appearance  
8 in the Super Bowl. Brady got the Patriots to the Chiefs' ten yard line thanks to an array of  
9 accurate passes all over the field to Hogan, Edelman and Gronkowski, and they let bruising  
10 running back Rex Burkhead put the game away with three straight handoffs; and

11 WHEREAS, The New England Patriots, thanks to the great coaching provided by Head  
12 Coach Bill Belichick, and the incomparable quarterbacking provided by the ageless wonder,  
13 Tom Brady, have added another chapter to their legacy as the greatest dynasty in NFL history  
14 with their incredible win in the Championship game over the Kansas City Chiefs. They now head  
15 to Atlanta to play in Super Bowl LIII (53) against the Los Angeles Rams on February 3, 2019.  
16 Hopefully, the Patriots will be adding their sixth Super Bowl Victory to their trophy case; now,  
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates New England's beloved Patriots on their outstanding  
20 season and spectacular win in the AFC Championship game and wishes them victory in the  
21 upcoming Super Bowl LIII against the Los Angeles Rams; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
23 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Tom Brady, Bill Belichick, and New England  
24 Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

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