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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WOONSOCKET FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE
RHODE ISLAND 2019 DIVISION II STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Casey, Morin, and Newberry

Date Introduced: January 29, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Woonsocket Villa Novans Football Team proved that perseverance
2 pays off as they rebounded from a slow start to the season by never quitting and working even
3 harder, and this “never quit” attitude resulted in Woonsocket going on a winning streak and
4 stunning the high school football scene as they repeated as Division II Super Bowl Champions;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In the Semifinals of the State Playoffs, Woonsocket met rival East
7 Greenwich, a team that had easily defeated them earlier in the season. The rematch would be a
8 different affair as Woonsocket’s stout and hard-hitting defense stopped East Greenwich’s highly
9 regarded offense. The game was a scoreless affair until Woonsocket Quarterback Tarik
10 Robinson-O’Hagan put the Villa Novans on the scoreboard with a 42-yard run for a touchdown.
11 East Greenwich finally broke through with a touchdown score late in the game, but instead of
12 kicking the extra point, they went for the win on a two-point conversion play but their screen play
13 was stuffed by the Villa Novan defense for a Woonsocket 7 to 6 victory and a berth in the
14 Championship game; and

15 WHEREAS, Woonsocket repeated as State Champions as they thrashed Mount Pleasant
16 by the score of 28-0 in the Title Game played on a windy and rainy day. Once again the ferocious
17 Villa Novan defense rose to the challenge and smothered the opposition offense, shutting out
18 Mount Pleasant by causing turnovers and havoc all game long. The Woonsocket defense caused
19 five turnovers, with the Villa Novans scoring on four of them. The Woonsocket tough offensive

1 line controlled the point of attack, allowing running back Logan Coles to rush for 108 yards,
2 while quarterback Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan tossed a key touchdown to receiver Eric Agyemang.
3 A team that overcame adversity all season finished with a flourish, as they repeated as Division II
4 Rhode Island State Super Bowl Champions; and

5 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship requires that every member of the team give
6 their all and put personal interests aside in favor of team needs. The Woonsocket Football Team
7 had those virtues in abundance thanks to the tireless efforts put forth all season by Logan Coles,
8 Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan Corey Brown, Jaiden Milatmouk, Clinton Kittavong, Xavier Alvarez,
9 Dylan Macintyre, Ethan Allaire, Eric Agyemang, Christian Rosario, Raymond Ham, David
10 Moya, Isaiah Ellie, Angel Benzant, Timothy Wolter, Jr., Leonardo Garcia, Anfernee Abney,
11 Jayson Inthasane, Terrell Durden, Daniel Sabourin and Elijah Toure. The Woonsocket Football
12 Team also benefitted all season by the outstanding leadership and sterling coaching that was
13 provided by Head Coach Charles Bibeault; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Woonsocket Football Team on winning the
16 Rhode Island 2019 Division II State Football Championship and repeating as Super Bowl title
17 winners; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Head Coach Charles Bibeault, Woonsocket
20 Football.

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