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Congratulating the New England Patriots for winning Super Bowl XXXVI.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the New England Patriots for winning Super Bowl XXXVI.

Whereas, yesterday, the New England Patriots pulled off a thrilling 20–17 victory over the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI;

Whereas the victory is the first world championship for the Patriots, and it could not have come at a more poignant time for our country;

Whereas at a time when our entire country is banding together, the Patriots set a wonderful example of self-sacrifice and unity, showing us all what is possible when we work together, believe in each other, and collaborate for the greater good;

Whereas coach Bill Belichick stressed teamwork, saying that only by working together could the Patriots overcome

their opponent, the best team in the NFL's regular season, the St. Louis Rams;

Whereas the team was led by Tom Brady, Ty Law, Tedy Bruschi, Mike Vrabel, and Troy Brown, but played together to forge a victory for the whole team;

Whereas the Patriots showed their true spirit, using running back Kevin Faulk, receiver Troy Brown, and intelligent play from Brady to drive from inside their own 20 yard line to give kicker Adam Vinatieri the chance to win the game with only 7 seconds left on the clock;

Whereas the Patriots won the game as the clock expired;

Whereas all of us in Massachusetts, and indeed all who live in New England, are proud of the Patriots and their extraordinary season;

Whereas eight years ago Bob Kraft bought the Patriots, and today he brings the Lombardi trophy home to fans who have been waiting for 42 years; and

Whereas in Massachusetts, April 15 is Patriot's Day—a day when we celebrate the brave men and women who fought for our nation's independence—but, for generations of New England sports fans, yesterday will always be our Patriot's Day: Now, therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commends the World
- 2 Champion New England Patriots for their extraordinary
- 3 victory in Super Bowl XXXVI.

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