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S. RES. 295

Congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 2, 2004

Mr. Kennedy (for himself, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Chafee) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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- Whereas on Sunday, February 1, Adam Vinatieri of the New England Patriots kicked the winning field goal with seven seconds remaining in the game to defeat the Carolina Panthers by the score of 32–29 in Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston, Texas;
- Whereas this victory is the second Super Bowl championship won by the Patriots in the past three years;
- Whereas quarterback Tom Brady led the Patriots to victory in both those years and was named Super Bowl Most Valuable Player in both years;

- Whereas both of the Super Bowl victories were earned by the Patriots in the final seconds of the game on a field goal by Mr. Vinatieri;
- Whereas the Patriots tied an NFL record by winning 15 consecutive games in the recent season;
- Whereas Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick and Assistant Coaches Romeo Crennel and Charlie Wiess brilliantly created successful game plans throughout the season, and Mr. Belichick was named Coach of the Year in the National Football League;
- Whereas extraordinary efforts by other Patriots players including Deion Branch, Troy Brown, David Givens, Ty Law, Willie McGinest, Richard Seymour, Antowain Smith, Mike Vrabel, and Ted Washington also contributed to the Super Bowl victory;
- Whereas the New England Patriots offensive linemen, Matt Light, Joe Andruzzi, Dan Koppen, Russ Hochstein, and Tom Ashworth deserve great credit for protecting quarterback Tom Brady and for allowing no sacks of the quarterback in the Super Bowl game or in any of the other games in the post-season playoffs; and
- Whereas Patriots owner Bob Kraft deserves great credit for his strong support of the team, and for his acknowledgement that the Super Bowl victory would not have been possible without the strong support of the millions of fans from New England: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the United States congratulates the New England Patriots on winning Super Bowl XXXVIII.