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Resolution congratulating the New York Giants on their victory in Super Bowl XLII.

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Whereas, The Super Bowl is the annual championship game of the National Football League (NFL), played between the champions of the National Football Conference (NFC) and the American Football Conference (AFC); and

Whereas, The New York Giants (“Giants”), established in 1925, are a professional football team in the NFC representing the New York Metropolitan Area; and

Whereas, The Giants have won several pro-football championships in the past, including Super Bowl XXI in 1987 and Super Bowl XXV in 1991; and

Whereas, On February 3, 2008, Super Bowl XLII was played in Glendale, Arizona, between the Giants and the New England Patriots (“Patriots”); and

Whereas, The Giants were considered to be the underdogs, entering Super Bowl XLII with a regular season of 10 wins and 6 losses; and

Whereas, The Patriots were considered the heavy favorite, entering Super Bowl XLII with a season record of 18 wins and 0 losses; and

Whereas, The Giants won the coin toss and scored the first 3 points of the game, holding, according to press reports, possession of the ball for more than half of the game; and

Whereas, The score was 7 to 3 in the Patriots’ favor throughout the second and third quarters, until Giants Quarterback Eli Manning led a six-play, 80-yard drive, ending with a 5-yard touchdown throw to Wide

Receiver David Tyree with 11:05 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter; and

Whereas, Many have indicated that the greatest catch in Super Bowl history occurred when Eli Manning in Super Bowl XLII escaped being sacked by the Patriots and fired a pass to David Tyree, who successfully wrestled for the ball, allowing the Giants to keep possession of it; and

Whereas, This incredible play enabled the Giants to gain a first down for their attempt to score the winning touchdown; and

Whereas, Eli Manning passed the ball to Wide Receiver Plaxico Burress, who made the winning touchdown with 35 seconds left in the game; and

Whereas, Super Bowl XLII has been considered by many NFL experts to be the greatest Super Bowl ever played; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York congratulates the New York Giants on their victory in Super Bowl XLII.

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