

H. Res. 31

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

January 29, 2003.

Whereas, on Sunday, January 26, 2003, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers dominated Super Bowl XXXVII, defeating the Oakland Raiders by a score of 48–21;

Whereas the 27-year-old Buccaneers franchise won the National Football League's World Championship in their first-ever Super Bowl appearance;

Whereas coach Jon Gruden, in his first year as head coach of the Buccaneers, led the team to the pinnacle of success;

Whereas the Buccaneers overcame adversity and defeated the Oakland Raiders, a team credited with possessing the number-one ranked offense in the National Football League;

Whereas throughout the season the Buccaneers were led by a number of players, most notably veterans Warren Sapp, Derrick Brooks and John Lynch, who banded together to form the number-one ranked defense in the National Football League;

Whereas owner Malcolm Glazer's unwavering dedication to bringing together the most talented coaches and players has resulted in the achievement of the most sought-after

honor in professional football: the Vince Lombardi trophy;

Whereas the Buccaneers are an integral part of the Tampa Bay community;

Whereas the entire Tampa Bay community is proud of the Buccaneers and their extraordinary season and tremendous accomplishment;

Whereas this championship is especially satisfying to the dedicated Buccaneers fans who have loyally supported the team since their inception in 1976; a very long journey that has culminated in a Super Bowl victory and the recognition that the Buccaneers are the best football team in the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the World Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers for their victory in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Attest:

Clerk.