



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 60

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1 **Relating to:** commending the Green Bay Packers on their 35–21 victory over the
2 New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI in New Orleans on January 26,
3 1997.

4 Whereas, the World Champion Green Bay Packers brought the Lombardi
5 Trophy home with their victory over the AFC Champions, the New England Patriots,
6 on January 26, 1997; and

7 Whereas, the Green Bay Packers broke numerous Super Bowl records,
8 including those for most yards returning kicks, longest kickoff return and longest
9 touchdown pass and, with the Patriots, broke the Super Bowl record for most points
10 (24) scored during the first quarter (New England Patriots–14, Green Bay
11 Packers–10); and

12 Whereas, the Green Bay Packers won the NFC Central Division Championship
13 for the 2nd consecutive year, having an outstanding regular season record of 13
14 victories and only 3 losses, had the best record in the NFC and tied for the best record

1 in the NFL with the AFC's Denver Broncos, and their 13th victory tied the club record
2 (13-1) established in 1962; and

3 Whereas, the Packer defense allowed the fewest points (210) in the NFL this
4 season and held their opponents to only 19 touchdowns, the fewest that any NFL
5 team allowed, and the Packer offense scored the most points (456) of any team in the
6 NFL this season; and

7 Whereas, Brett Favre threw 39 touchdown passes; a club record, the most in
8 NFL history and an NFC record; during the regular season and was named the
9 National Football League's Most Valuable Player for the 2nd consecutive year,
10 becoming the only player to achieve consecutive awards and the 2nd player ever to
11 have been given 2 MVP awards, Joe Montana being the other; and

12 Whereas, Desmond Howard led the NFL in punt returns with a 15.1 yard
13 average and had a club record 58 returns, added punch to an already explosive
14 offense, became the first special teams player to be named the Super Bowl's Most
15 Valuable Player and became the first payer in NFL history to score touchdowns on
16 both a punt return and a kickoff return in postseason play; Craig Hentrich broke his
17 own club record for most punts inside the 20 yardline; Mike Holmgren improved his
18 record at Lambeau Field to 27-4, including wins in the most recent 15 games; and
19 Reggie White had 3 sacks in the Super Bowl; and

20 Whereas, during their championship season, the Packer players' conduct, both
21 on and off the field, was exemplary, entitling them to become "America's Team"; and

22 Whereas, each member of the team contributed to the Green Bay Packers'
23 success this season; and

24 Whereas, Head Coach Mike Holmgren and his able staff expertly plotted
25 strategy and motivated the team; and

