

**No. R-13. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2018 World Series.**

(S.C.R.1)

By Senators Sears and Ashe,

*Whereas*, from early on in the 2018 baseball season, the BoSox, as many New Englanders commonly refer to their venerable major league baseball team, exhibited exceptional skills both at the plate and in the field, and

*Whereas*, Boston concluded the regular season with a team record of 108 victories, clinching the American League's Eastern Division title and becoming the first 2018 regular season divisional winner, and

*Whereas*, the American League Division Series (ALDS) had the Red Sox confronting the team's perpetual nemesis, the New York Yankees, known to some BoSox fans as the evil empire, and

*Whereas*, after Boston won the opening game in the friendly confines of Fenway Park, the Yankees evened the series before the two teams headed for the third and fourth contests in the Big Apple, and

*Whereas*, in game three, the BoSox inundated the Bronx Bombers with a plethora of base hits as Boston overwhelmed the Yankees 16–1, and then proceeded to win the next evening's game, earning a berth in the American League Championship Series (ALCS), and

*Whereas*, in the ALCS, the defending World Series champions, the Houston Astros, made an initially persuasive bid for returning to baseball's pivotal fall classic, winning the opening contest 7–2; but the Astro's hopes dissipated as Boston's bats ignited for four consecutive victories and a ticket to the World Series, and

*Whereas*, the 2018 World Series was a transcontinental affair featuring the Red Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers, and

*Whereas*, the BoSox thrilled their elated hometown fans by winning the opening two games before traveling to Los Angles for further World Series competition, and

*Whereas*, in game three, the two teams battled each other for 18 innings, equaling seven hours and 20 minutes, both World Series records, before the Dodgers won this nearly endless encounter 3–2, but the invigorated Red Sox won games four and five to capture the 2018 World Series title, and

*Whereas*, Boston's Steve Pearce was named the World Series Most Valuable Player, teammate Mookie Betts was honored as the American League Most Valuable Player for 2018, and first-year manager Alex Cora helped bring great joy to the Red Sox Nation, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 World Series champion Boston Red Sox, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Boston Red Sox.