



Commendation

WHEREAS, Sierra Youth Football League's Reed Raider Mavericks did the unimaginable by going undefeated for the second straight year, winning back-to-back SYFL championships.

They hit the road last month to dominate the competition at the CaliBowl and were invited to compete in the National Championship of Youth Football in Canton, Ohio - the football version of the Little League World Series.


With very short notice, the team scrambled to organize and raise money, holding car washes, selling items, visiting local businesses and fundraising through GoFundMe to make sure everyone could go.

They raised enough to make the initial deposit for the trip, then Head Coach John Silver put the remainder of the bill on his personal credit card, saying: *"It's called family. We are all one unit. These kids, all of the parents, we're like brothers and sisters and we all pull together for every one of the boys on the team."* He added: *"this has taught them life lessons - if you put your mind to something and work very hard, you can do it."*

The games were played at the NFL's Football Hall of Fame and broadcast on national television, and although they did not win the championship, the city of Sparks wants to recognize the Reed Raider Mavericks and their champion, Head Coach John Silver for going above and beyond, and showing us that good sportsmanship is the most important aspect of the game; teaching respect, honor, discipline and kindness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald E. Smith, Mayor of the city of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in thanking the SYFL Reed Raider Mavericks team for their commitment to excellence - we are very proud of you!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 16th day of January, 2019.



RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor
ATTEST:



TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

