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STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER PAUL TAGLIABUE ON WELLINGTON MARA

"Wellington Mara represented the heart and soul of the National Football League. He was a man of deep conviction who stood as a beacon of integrity. His passions were many – his family and faith, the Giants, the NFL, and his community. He was an unparalleled leader in many different arenas. He always ensured that the Giants were one of the premier franchises in sports, but he kept the interests of the league at the forefront. When Well Mara stood to speak at a league meeting, the room would become silent with anticipation because all of us knew we were going to hear profound insights born of eight decades of league experience. John Mara now will continue his father's legacy, and we offer our deepest sympathy to Ann, John and the entire Mara family."