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NFLRA Statement Remembering NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue

The NFL Referees Association joins others in the football community remembering the legacy of Paul Tagliabue, and we offer our condolences to his family, friends and all who had the privilege of working with him.

Commissioner Tagliabue was a true supporter of NFL officials and the vital role they play in maintaining the integrity of the game. Throughout his tenure, he consistently demonstrated fairness, respect and open-mindedness in addressing our concerns. Even in times of collective bargaining and disagreement, he listened carefully, weighed issues thoughtfully and treated our membership with honesty and professionalism.

We especially remember and appreciate his willingness to defend the integrity and dedication of NFL officials, both publicly and privately. His balanced leadership and respect for all facets of the League left a lasting impact on the officiating community and on the game itself.

— The NFL Referees Association