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**STATEMENT FROM NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODELL ON THE PASSING OF
WILLIE BROWN**

“We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Raiders’ great Willie Brown. As a player, coach, and executive, Willie served as a tremendous ambassador for the Raiders and football for more than 50 years. He will forever be immortalized by NFL Films with his iconic 75-yard interception return in Super Bowl XI as he ran straight into the camera and our imaginations. After a remarkable 16-year Pro Football Hall of Fame career that he began as an undrafted free agent, Willie went on to become a Raiders coach and later a member of the team’s front office. Willie lived the Raiders’ motto “Commitment to Excellence” with integrity and touched the lives of hundreds of NFL players with his wisdom and wit. Willie was always a welcome guest at the NFL Draft and I enjoyed visiting with him each year. He was always enthusiastic and optimistic about the Raiders’ picks and upcoming season.

“We extend our condolences to Willie’s family, the Raiders organization, and fans around the world.”