

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS' 60TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the sixtieth season of the Kansas City Chiefs football and the unremitting dedication of their fans. As the U.S. Representative for Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and a lifelong Chiefs fan, I am proud to honor Kansas City's home team with this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sixty years ago, the Chiefs were founded as the Dallas Texans by the widely revered Lamar Hunt. Recognized as one of the greatest sportsmen in American history, Hunt served as the guiding force behind the formation of both the American Football League and the Kansas City Chiefs franchise. Hunt's determination and influence served as the catalyst that would bring his "impossible dream" to reality when his league took to the field for the '60 season. Hunt continued to chase this dream as he moved his Dallas Texans team to Kansas City where the organization would be renamed as the Kansas City Chiefs.

Hunt's vision for the organization was reaffirmed on June 8, 1966 when the AFL-NFL merger was announced by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, and the Kansas City Chiefs went on to participate in the inaugural Super Bowl against the Green Bay Packers on January 15, 1967. Only three years after that inaugural game, the Chiefs claimed Kansas City's first major sports championship victory over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV. Not only did Hunt's passion help put Kansas City on the "big league" map, his influence and commitment helped pave the way for much of the modern growth of professional football.

In the late 1960s, Hunt played an integral role in the original development plans for Arrowhead Stadium, a facility which provided the Chiefs and their fans with one of the most decided homefield advantages in all of sports. While other venues of a similar vintage have long since been termed obsolete or have been demolished, Arrowhead continues to serve as a point of pride for Chiefs and fans alike. In a true exemplification of the avid nature of Chiefs fans, Arrowhead recently broke the record for the loudest stadium on September 29, 2014. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, no sports fans in the world are louder than Kansas City Chiefs fans at Arrowhead Stadium, registering a record 142.2 decibels—louder than a jet taking off from an aircraft carrier.

Additionally, under Hunt's stewardship, the Chiefs developed an intensely loyal fan base, not just in Mid-America, but across the country and the globe. Hunt took great satisfaction in the fact that the Chiefs boasted season-ticket holders from forty-eight of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Can-

ada. He was also appreciative of the fact that Kansas City was selected to represent the NFL on the world stage in four American Bowl contests: Berlin, Germany (1990), Tokyo, Japan (1994, 1998), and Monterrey, Mexico (1996). Like jazz was to the music scene or Royals baseball to America's favorite pastime, the Chiefs brought Kansas City to the forefront of the national consciousness.

In the decades to come, the organization would experience many highs and lows, including a promising '71 season that featured a team record eleven Pro Bowl performers and ended dramatically in the longest game in NFL history, an AFC Divisional Playoff game played on Christmas day. It took 82:40 and double overtime to close out the game. This loss served as the Chiefs' last playoff appearance for fifteen years. The years following brought trials and tribulations, but strengthened the team overall, earning them NFL playoff appearances in 1986, 1990 through 1995, 1997, 2003, 2006, 2010, 2013, and 2015 to 2017.

Today, Kansas City and "Chiefs Kingdom" continues a custom throughout the region that was forged by charity and the love of the game—Red Friday. Red Friday began in 1992 as an idea pitched to Lamar Hunt by the first President of the Red Coaters, the late Jim Shultz. The Red Coaters were founded in 1963, and members were obliged to sell tickets and received a red coat for selling so many. Made up of businessmen and women dedicated to the Chiefs and their community, the Red Coaters still share the same mission of giving today.

The first Red Friday featured the Red Coaters and Hunt himself on the streets of Kansas City selling newspapers with a special Chiefs edition to benefit local charities. After debuting on the west side of town, Red Friday moved north to the river, back to Westport, then to the Arrowhead parking lot. The Chiefs-themed newspapers turned into Red Friday magazines. Then those Red Friday magazines turned into Chiefs Kingdom flags sold to raise money for charity. The tradition continues to unite Kansas Citians and Chiefs fans across the country, transcending generations and bringing together a city of nearly 500,000 for a common cause to paint the town red.

Today, the Kansas City Chiefs continue to breathe life into the dream Lamar Hunt had when he founded the organization through its sustained ability to bring fans together in a true display of community and pride. The profound legacy the Kansas City Chiefs have paved builds upon and preserves a rich history that has given a way for many athletes and members of the organization to inspire, unify, and empower generations of football players and spectators alike.

Madam Speaker, please join with me as we commemorate the sixtieth anniversary season of the Kansas City Chiefs.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES M. HOGAN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Charles M. "Charlie" Hogan of Park City, Kentucky.

Mr. Hogan began his service in the U.S. Army and then proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for over twenty years. Mr. Hogan received an Air Force Commendation for his brave service in Vietnam. A champion for his fellow veterans, Mr. Hogan was awarded the Barren County Patriot Award in 2004. He spearheaded the effort to a veterans' memorial wall in Park City and made sure to invite me to attend the Veterans Day celebration my first year in Congress. He was also an active member of the Masonic Order, the International Union of Operating Engineers, the Mammoth Cave National Park Association, the Barren River Area Development District, and Park City United Methodist Church.

I join with Mr. Hogan's family and the Barren County community in remembering the life of an American patriot.

SENIOR PASTOR BOB COUNTS RETIREES

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, Senior Pastor Counts follows in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, who served as pastors for their respective congregations. Additionally, three of his brothers, two of his sons, and his nephew are all pastors while his sister is married to a pastor. He became a minister in 1964 and is a graduate of Bible Baptist College in Springfield, Missouri.

Senior Pastor Counts has served communities across the country as a pastor at Stillwell Bible Baptist in Clarksville, Arkansas, Temple Baptist in Springdale, Arkansas, and Valley Baptist in Rowland Heights, California. For the past 23 years, he has served my constituents as senior pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Victorville. His 55 years of dedicated service will end in distinction, as he becomes only the fourth retired pastor among the church's 1,200 members.

Though Senior Pastor Bob Counts is retiring, his work will continue to be felt through his life-long service and dedication to his faith. He will be passing the reigns of senior pastor to his son, Joel Counts. Over the course of his career he has touched innumerable lives, and his passion, caring, and selflessness will truly be missed as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

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