



**WASHINGTON COMMANDERS TO HONOR MIKE BASS WITH INDUCTION INTO
FRANCHISE'S RING OF FAME DURING THE TEAM'S HOME OPENER ON SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11**

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Landover, Md., August 4, 2022 – Today the Washington Commanders announced Washington Legend Mike Bass will be inducted into the Ring of Fame during the team's home opener on Sunday, September 11 against Jacksonville. The standout cornerback is currently a member of Washington's inaugural 70 Greatest list and will join an exclusive group of Washington Legends to have their name displayed in the stadium bowl at FedExField.

Bass, raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan and a University of Michigan graduate, signed with Washington as a free agent in 1969 and quickly established himself as one of the top defensive backs in franchise history. Over seven seasons in Washington, the standout cornerback started 104 consecutive games (including playoffs) while recording 30 interceptions, the fourth most in team history. In 1971, Bass' eight interceptions were the most among cornerbacks and tied for the third highest in the NFL. These impressive accolades, in 1974, led him to receive All-Pro selection, All-NFC First Team by UPI, AP, and Sporting News and All-NFL 2nd Team by AP, per Pro Football Reference. One of his most memorable plays occurred during Super Bowl VII vs the Miami Dolphins, when Bass returned a 49-yard fumble for a touchdown after a blocked field goal attempt, which was the first ever Super Bowl touchdown in team history.

"Mike Bass is the epitome of what it means to represent the Burgundy & Gold on and off the field," said Co-CEO and Co-Owner Tanya Snyder. "As a key member of the first Washington team to play in a Super Bowl, Mike is part of an era that laid the foundation of excellence for this franchise for years to come. On behalf of the entire Commanders organization, Dan and I are honored to add Mike to our franchise's storied Ring of Fame."

Bass will be recognized in a pregame ceremony that will take place on the main concourse at FedExField from 12:00-12:30 P.M on September 11. The ceremony will include members of Bass' family and teammates and will be open to fans. Additionally, Bass will be honored during a halftime ceremony on the field as part of a tribute honoring Washington Legends from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s rosters, as part of the team's 90th Anniversary celebrations. Additional details on both ceremonies will be announced closer to the home opener.

"I am very appreciative and humbled by this induction. It is the crowning moment of my career to date," said Washington Legend Mike Bass. "It is an extreme honor to be recognized

as one of the greatest players in Washington's history. I am forever indebted to my coaches, Coach Vince Lombardi and Coach George Allen, for giving me the opportunity and preparing me to contribute to the success of my team. I was part of a great defensive backfield, including Ken Houston, Brig Owens, and Pat Fischer, all of whom I admire greatly, having played together in the same backfield for so many years."

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