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Fitzgerald Statement on Passing of Tunch Ilkin

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald issued the following statement on news of the passing of Tunch Ilkin:

"It is a sad day for Pittsburgh with the passing of Tunch Ilkin. When the Steelers drafted him four decades ago, they brought to Pittsburgh a great football player, but also someone who contributed much more to our community than his athletic talents.

"His work with Light of Life and other initiatives in helping the homeless and others in need was tremendous. While he did not grow up here, he embraced our town, raised his family here and continued to make Pittsburgh a better place.

"His contributions to our community will be missed. I hope it is a comfort to his family, what a great legacy he left. My deepest condolences to his family."

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