



## **TIM MILLIS NAMED 2020 NFLRA HONOREE**

*The union recognizes Millis for his tenure as NFLRA Executive Director and 13-year NFL officiating career, including two Super Bowl assignments*

The National Football League Referees Association (NFLRA) announced the selection of Tim Millis as its 2020 Annual Honoree. The Honoree Award recognizes an NFL official's outstanding career – both on the field and in support of the union.

"I totally enjoyed my career as an on-field NFL official and my duties as the NFLRA Executive Director," said Millis. "It was a privilege to represent this elite group of officials when the union went before Commissioners Tagliabue and Goodell and their staffs, and receiving this award is a humbling and much appreciated honor."

Millis will be honored in April at the NFLRA's Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet.

"There are few individuals who have made the impact on NFL officiating that Tim Millis has," said NFLRA Executive Director Scott Green, who was President of the NFLRA during Millis' tenure as Executive Director. "I was proud to work closely with him during the 2012 negotiations that involved a 115-day Lockout and saw first-hand his dedication to our union. His leadership during that time was key to our success."

Millis' 13-year NFL officiating career began in 1989, and he wore No. 80 for the entirety of his time at Field Judge. He earned assignments to two Super Bowls (XXIX in 1995, XXXIII in 1999) and was also selected to work three conference championships before his retirement in 2001.

After leaving the field, Millis remained active in the officiating community, and he was named as the first full-time Executive Director of the NFLRA in 2006 serving until 2013. As the Executive Director of the union during the 2012 Lockout, Millis was instrumental in protecting post-career benefits for retirees and improving conditions and compensation for active officials.

Prior to his NFL service, Millis was a collegiate official for nine years, including five seasons with the Southwest Conference (1984-88). From 1996-2006, he served as the director of football officials for the Big 12 Conference, helping introduce instant replay to the college game. He also notched 13 years of high school officiating experience in Mississippi, Florida and Texas.

A native of Mendenhall, Mississippi, Millis earned his undergraduate degree in accounting from Millsaps College in 1967. He was the MVP of the Millsaps football team in 1965 and later became a member of the school's athletic Hall of Fame. Following graduation, he embarked on a 17-year career with the IRS that preceded 22 years as a self-employed financial investigative consultant.

"No doubt, Tim is deserving of this honor," said NFLRA President Tony Steratore. "He exemplifies what we all hope to achieve on and off the field in our officiating careers."