

Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Citation

WHEREAS, Kenneth Michael Stabler was born on December 25, 1945, in Foley, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Kenny spent his childhood years growing up in Foley and graduated from Foley High School where he led the Foley Football Team to a win-loss record of 29-1 throughout his high school career; the one loss was against Vigor High School, and

WHEREAS, Coach Denzel Hollis recognized Kenny's talent and nicknamed him "Snake" because of his agility to weave in between players to make touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, not only was Kenny great at football but he was an all-around athlete in high school; averaging 29 points a game in basketball and excelling in baseball as a left-handed pitcher; and before leaving Foley High School he had minor league contract offers from the Houston Astros and New York Yankees; however, the University of Alabama's Coach "Bear" Bryant recruited him, and

WHEREAS, Stabler was unable to play the 1964 season (his freshman year at Alabama) due to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's regulations; however, Stabler's college football career started in the 1965 Season as backup to Quarterback Steve Sloan, who followed Joe Namath. This was the second year the Crimson Tide won their second consecutive National Championship with a 9-1-1 record, and thus, Stabler's football career began with a 1965 Orange Bowl game defeating the Nebraska Cornhuskers 39-28. During Stabler's collegiate career the Crimson Tide went on to win the 1966 Sugar Bowl game against Nebraska with a 34-7 game. They also won the Iron Bowl against Auburn University with a 7-3 victory for his play known as the "Run in the Mud" when he ran 53 yards to score the winning touchdown at Legion Field, and

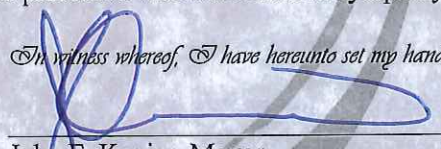
WHEREAS, in 1968-1969 Stabler went on to play professional football for the Spokane Shockers in the Continental Football League and in 1970 – 1979 played for the Oakland Raiders. He was named American Football Conference Player of the Year in 1974 and in 1976. In 1977, he led the Raiders to the Super Bowl winning over the Minnesota Vikings in a score of 32-14. That same year he played in the AFC playoffs against the Baltimore Colts for a 37-31 win. Stabler was the Raiders' all-time leader with 1486 completions, 19,078 passing yards and 150 touchdown passes, and in 1980 Stabler was traded to the Houston Oilers and in 1982 signed on with the New Orleans Saints, and

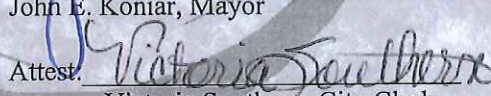
WHEREAS, in the middle of the 1984 season Stabler retired and began a broadcasting career as a sports commentator with the NFL telecasts on CBS and then on radio for the Alabama football games with Eli Gold. Stabler also had a very charitable side and was the chairman of XOXO Stabler Foundation that raised funds, built awareness and hope for numerous charities, one of which was the Ronald McDonald House in Mobile, Alabama.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Foley recognizes the dedicated service provided this community by Kenneth "Snake" Michael Stabler; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Official Citation be presented with our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 3rd day of August, 2015.


John E. Koniar, Mayor

Attest: 
Victoria Southern, City Clerk

