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COMMISSIONER BETTMAN STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF BOB PULFORD

NEW YORK (Jan. 5, 2026) – National Hockey League Commissioner **Gary Bettman** today released the following statement regarding the passing of **Bob Pulford**:

"Bob Pulford left an indelible mark on the game. In a remarkable career that spanned over five decades, he was one of only three people to play in the NHL, serve as President of the NHL players' union, as well as coach and work as a General Manager in the League.

"Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame as a Player who won four Stanley Cups with the Toronto Maple Leafs during a 16-season career, Bob forged a similarly impactful post-playing career as a coach, GM and executive with the Los Angeles Kings and Chicago Blackhawks.

"Bob became a friend, counselor and confidant to me — particularly in my early years as commissioner — and I had enormous respect for him and all he gave the game. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Roslyn, as well as his children and grandchildren."

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