



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

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### **Mayor Domenic J. Sarno Issues Statement on the Passing of Ron Brace III**

It is with a heavy heart that I express my sympathy, thoughts, prayers and encouragement to the Brace family. I spoke to Ron's grandfather, Ron Sr. yesterday morning on Ron III's untimely passing. Having gone to school with Ron III's dad, Ron Jr. at the High School of Commerce, I know first-hand of the Brace family's strong community commitment to our Springfield. Ron III never forgot and relished his Springfield roots. In the aftermath of the June 2011 tornado, Ron was right there with New England Patriot's owner Robert Kraft in donating and raising funds towards our tornado recovery efforts. He will be solely missed, especially to our youth population of Springfield.

Respectfully,

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno