Rep. Slaughter Applauds Medal of Freedom Award to Jack Kemp

WASHINGTON –Today, Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, released the following statement upon the announcement that former Congressman Jack Kemp was named a 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient.

"This is a fitting honor for a man, a great quarterback and a tough competitor – who can forget him quarterbacking the Bills in below freezing weather? I am grateful to have had the privilege of serving New York with him in Congress. His dedication to social justice and equal opportunity was unwavering, and he always sought out the new and innovative ideas to old problems. As he famously stated during a 1996 campaign rally, 'Buffalo, New York, is my hometown. Don't let anybody tell you it's not.' Well we never did, and are all very proud of him today."

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