

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Kemp was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He was a fellow alumni of Occidental College. A gifted athlete, he was the quarterback for Occidental's football team. After college he was drafted into the NFL, but after only one year he left the sport to serve his country in the US Army. Following his time in the military, Jack Kemp joined the American Football League where he was quarterback for the Los Angeles Chargers and later the Buffalo Bills.

After completing his career in professional football he decided to take on an even rougher sport—politics. In 1970 he ran for Congress as a self-described, "bleeding heart conservative." He won his election and went on to serve a distinguished 18 years in the House of Representatives. It was Congressman Kemp who co-sponsored the 1981 tax cuts signed into law by President Ronald Reagan.

Following his time in Congress, he served as Secretary for Housing and Urban Development in George H.W. Bush's administration. In 1996, he was the Republican Nominee for Vice President and during that campaign he spent a significant amount of time in his native California. Although the campaign was unsuccessful, Jack Kemp continued to advocate, until the end, for the values and causes he held so dear.

Jack Kemp summed up his philosophy this way: "There are no limits to our future if we don't put limits on our people." Like his hero Ronald Reagan, Jack Kemp was one of the most effective communicators for freedom, free-market principles, and American exceptionalism. Jack Kemp's enthusiasm for the unlimited potential of the American people serves as an inspiration to me as always keep in mind.