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Today, I want to announce my official retirement from professional football.

This period came fast, and yet it felt prolonged. We each have our own journey in this life and in this sport, and I proudly followed mine until my football path was complete. Regardless of the ups and downs, I stayed the course. Football is in my blood. I would play as long as I was able. In the end, I wasn't allowed to play anymore.

I am honored and blessed to have completed 8 NFL years! Second round draft pick, all-rookie team, all-pro, pro bowler and Super Bowl 50 champion. The journey has been amazing!

First, I would like to thank God for always keeping a hand over me and my family. I would like to thank my parents, Terrell and Laneita Ward, for always being my biggest support system and remodels. I am blessed to have you. To my younger siblings, thank you for challenging me and forcing me to be someone you could look up to. I'd like to thank my grandparents for creating and upholding values in our family that I will continue to pass down. Everything is because of you.

I would like to thank De La Salle high school for being a foundation, instilling ethics in me that I continue to carry. To the University of Oregon, Go Ducks! Thank you for the opportunity to continue my dream of playing college football. Coming in as a walk-on, I didn't know what to expect and I was provided the tools I needed to progress. Thank you to the Cleveland Browns organization for drafting me and being my first NFL home! Thank you to the Denver Broncos for an amazing three years. It was a pleasure playing for such an amazing organization! Winning the Lombardi Trophy was the highlight of my career. No Fly! Thank You Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Arizona Cardinals for also giving me opportunities to be a part of your organizations.

To all of my fans, I love and appreciate you! Thank you!

To my lady Cierra and son Terrell III aka Three, I love you with everything!

Finally, thank you football.

TJ Ward