

## Jamie Foxx's Hometown Rolls Out Red Carpet

Terrell dedicates day to star

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Oscar-winning actor and singer Jamie Foxx got a key to Terrell, his hometown, which threw him a welcome home party Saturday.

The city of Terrell named Sept. 26, 2009, "Jamie Foxx Day."

The entertainer grew up as Eric Bishop in Terrell, which is located about 30 miles east of Dallas.

A parade went down Moore Avenue Saturday to the high school stadium.



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Foxx was the quarterback during high school and has even starred as a quarterback in the movie "Any Given Sunday."

On Friday, Foxx made a \$25,000 donation to the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund which provides financial aid and medical assistance to retired NFL players.

Gov. Rick Perry extended a Texas greeting to the star Saturday, saying, "Jamie Foxx is the real deal, and Texas is proud to claim you as our son. Welcome home, Jamie!"

The Terrell Chamber of Commerce also unveiled a street topper and a rendering for a statue to be erected in Foxx's honor.

Foxx said his hometown roots keep him grounded in a business that doesn't always allow for that.

"When I have a day like this, I think I share it with everybody in Terrell, because I think it's a great thing," he said. "It's not a black thing, it's not a white thing, it's not a Hispanic thing, it's a Terrell thing, and you get a little energy off of that when you see those faces."

Foxx said without Terrell, he wouldn't be who he is.

Foxx said he's so proud of his hometown that when people ask him where he's from he tells, them, "Terrell," not Dallas or somewhere easy to find on a map.

Foxx performed at Nokia Theatre in Grand Prairie on Friday night as part of his 50-city "Blame It" tour, which takes him to San Antonio on Sunday night.