

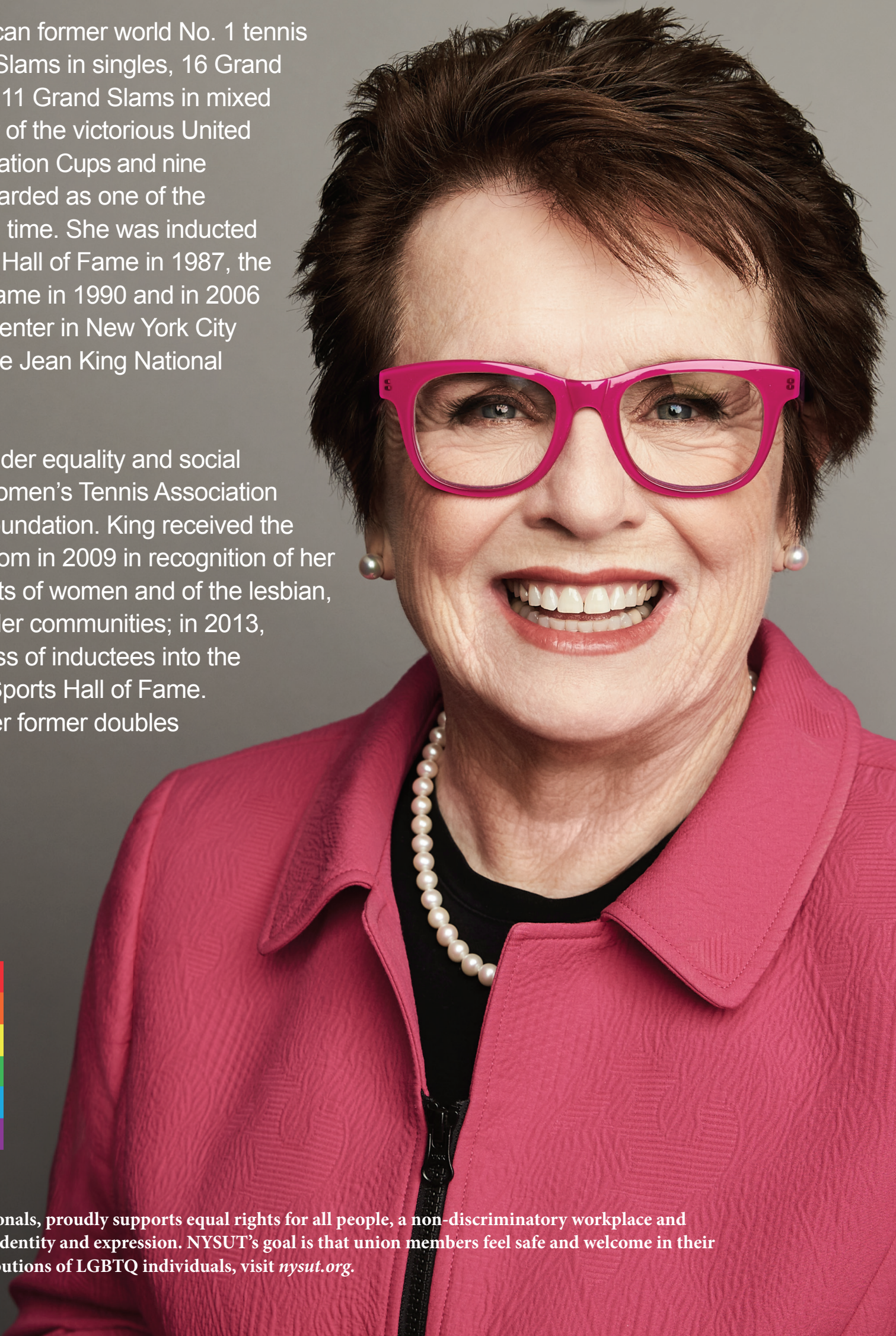
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Questioning/Queer+ History Month

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Oct. 1-31

Billie Jean King

Billie Jean King is an American former world No. 1 tennis player. King won 12 Grand Slams in singles, 16 Grand Slams in women's doubles, 11 Grand Slams in mixed doubles and was a member of the victorious United States team in seven Federation Cups and nine Wightman Cups. King is regarded as one of the greatest tennis players of all time. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1987, the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1990 and in 2006 the USTA National Tennis Center in New York City was renamed the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

A long-time advocate of gender equality and social justice, King founded the Women's Tennis Association and the Women's Sports Foundation. King received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009 in recognition of her work advocating for the rights of women and of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities; in 2013, she was among the first class of inductees into the National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame. King married Ilana Kloss, her former doubles partner, in 2018.



NYSUT, a statewide union of professionals, proudly supports equal rights for all people, a non-discriminatory workplace and non-discrimination based on gender identity and expression. NYSUT's goal is that union members feel safe and welcome in their environment. For more on the contributions of LGBTQ individuals, visit nysut.org.