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**Statement from MLBPA Executive Director Michael Weiner
On the Passing of Robin Roberts**

New York, NY, Thursday, May 06, 2010 ... Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director Michael Weiner today issued the following statement on the passing of Hall of Famer Robin Roberts:

“On behalf of the members and staff of the Major League Baseball Players Association, I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Robin Roberts. Known as one of the greatest pitchers of his era, Robin’s legacy extends far beyond the diamond. Robin played an important role in establishing the Major League Baseball Players Association as a bona fide labor organization, by helping the players of his day understand the benefits to be gained by standing together as one. Robin and his peers had the foresight to hire Marvin Miller as the MLBPA’s first executive director in 1966, a decision that has since benefitted all Major Leaguers and their families.”

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