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**Statement of MLBPA Executive Director Tony Clark  
on the passing of Frank Robinson**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 7** -- Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director Tony Clark today issued the following statement on the passing of Frank Robinson:

“Frank Robinson was someone I looked up to as a man and as a ballplayer and tried to emulate. His skill and ferocity on the field were matched by his dignity and sense of fair play off the diamond. He is the only player to have won the MVP award in both leagues, he won the Triple Crown in 1966 and was enshrined in the Hall of Fame in 1982. In addition to being a 14-time All-Star, Frank also became Major League Baseball’s first black manager, leading four different franchises, and followed that with a career as an executive and ambassador to the game. The fraternity of players and the baseball family have lost a giant.”

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