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Ambassador Jacobson, Minister Beauchamp and Mayor Tremblay to Join Sharon Robinson as U.S. Consulate General Unveils Plaque Honoring Jackie Robinson

In celebration of Black History Month 2011, the U.S. Consulate General in Montreal will unveil a commemorative plaque distinguishing the house inhabited by Hall of Fame baseball legend and civil rights leader Jackie Robinson while he lived in Montreal in 1946.

A brief ceremony to unveil the plaque will be held at 2:30pm on February 28, 2011, outside the Robinson's former home (8232 avenue de Gaspé). David Jacobson, U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Lee McClenny, U.S. Consul General in Montreal, Line Beauchamp, Quebec Minister of Education, Leisure and Sport, Gérald Tremblay, Mayor of Montreal, and several other dignitaries and community leaders are slated to attend. Sharon Robinson, author and the daughter of Jackie Robinson, will represent Major League Baseball at the event.

Jack Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson and his wife, Rachel, lived at 8232 avenue de Gaspé when he played with the Montreal Royals in the Class AAA International League in 1946. The first black Major League Baseball player in the modern era, Robinson became a powerful symbol of hope and an inspiration to millions by his grace, dignity and determination.

We ask that press wishing to cover the event pre-register by calling 514-233-9772 no later than 10am on Monday, February 28, 2011.

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