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Dear Mr. Smith,

I know you are an avid sports fan and especially a Yankee fan. I am a baseball fan too. Who is your favorite baseball player? Would you consider having a Pittsburg Pirates player as your all-time favorite player? Have you heard of Roberto Clemente? He is not just known for his legendary baseball skills, but is also known for his charitable acts. I would like you to consider having Roberto Clemente as your favorite baseball player. He overcame many barriers and his legacy lives on. Roberto Clemente is an amazing Latino baseball player who grew up in Puerto Rico. One huge barrier that he overcame was “…battling…a language barrier in a country where he was a citizen but had no home.” He spoke Spanish and struggled to communicate with his teammates and his community in the United States. Even thought he needed to overcome a language barrier, because he was an amazing baseball player, he began playing for the Pittsburg Pirates in 1954 and played for Pittsburg until 1972. Sadly his baseball career came to an end in 1972 as he died trying to help the people of Nicaragua. His charitable acts will never be forgotten.

Roberto Clemente has many amazing baseball accomplishments. According to the text it states, “…Clemente came of age as the limber right fielder batted .312 with a team-high 94 RBI to lead the Pirates to the World Series.” The author states, “Clemente won four National League batting titles, the 1966 NL Most Valuable Player Award and began a string of 12 straight Gold Glove Award seasons in right field.” I know that you realize, Mr. Smith, that these statistics are amazing. Also, the text plainly asserts, “Many of his triples were simply doubles extended through sheer speed and hustle.” It is easy to see that Roberto Clemente is an amazing baseball player.

An important part of his legacy is that Clemente was also known for his generous acts. He has been extremely charitable to people in need. The text states, “Off the field, Clemente was known for helping others.” The text also states, “ On December 31, 1972 Clemente had taken upon himself to direct personally a relief mission to earthquake torn Nicaragua.” The author plainly asserts, “Bound to Nicaragua, Clemente and four others loaded a small DC-7 plane with food and supplies…as the plane almost immediately crashed into 30 feet of water in the Caribbean Sea.” Roberto had died trying to help people in need. His courage and altruism is notable.

Roberto Clemente has been honored for his charitable acts and for his baseball abilities. The author plainly asserts, “The Pirates held the Roberto Clemente Day on September 18. The day celebrated the player’s gifts to the world.” Another example is, “After his death he was voted into Major League Baseball’s Hall of Fame.” Lastly, the text states, “He will be remembered as a great baseball player and humanitarian. To honor his legacy, we have designated this special day to not only remember Roberto, but to honor those players who have contributed so much to their communities.” His recognition is well deserved. I hope that I can be as giving and generous as he was.

Mr. Smith, after reviewing all of the previous information about Roberto Clemente, I hope that Clemente will be your favorite baseball player. He overcame many barriers, had many baseball accomplishments and displayed many charitable acts. Because of this, he has been honored in so many ways over the years. Even though he is not a Yankee, his legacy will live on for years to come. I hope that he inspires you as much as he inspires me.

Sincerely,

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