



MEDIA ADVISORY

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**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TO UNVEIL MURAL HONORING NEGRO LEAGUE
BASEBALL AND PLAYERS, MAMIE “PEANUT” JOHNSON & JOSH GIBSON**

Mural Unveiling Ceremony Next To Historic ‘Ben’s Chili Bowl’

WHAT: Major League Baseball will unveil a mural honoring Negro League Baseball in Washington D.C. and trailblazing players, **Mamie “Peanut” Johnson** and **Josh Gibson** on the Lincoln Theatre across from historic Washington D.C. restaurant **Ben’s Chili Bowl**. Johnson, the first female pitcher in the Negro Leagues, joined the Indianapolis Clowns in 1953 and led the club to a 33-8 record during her three-years with the club. Johnson was one of three female players to ever play in the Negro League and has been previously honored at the White House by President Bill Clinton.

Josh Gibson, 12-time Negro League All-Star catcher, was a power hitter drafted by the Homestead Grays who played home games at Griffith Stadium in Washington D.C. The Grays won an unprecedented nine consecutive Negro National League pennants with Gibson behind the plate. Gibson went on to play with multiple clubs before retiring in 1946. In 1972, Gibson became the second Negro League player to be inducted in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Gibson’s grandson, Sean Gibson will present prepared remarks for the mural unveiling which will be displayed near murals of other well-respected luminaries along the Ben’s Chili Bowl’s wall, including but not limited to, President Barack Obama and Former First Lady Michelle Obama, Muhammad Ali, and Prince.

WHO: **Mamie Johnson Family**
Sean Gibson – Grandson of Hall of Famer, Josh Gibson
Tom Brasuell – Host, MLB Vice President of Community Affairs
Vida Ali – Ben’s Chili Bowl Representative

WHEN: Thursday, July 12th, **10:00 a.m. (ET)**

**** Media should be onsite and set-up near the theater adjacent to Ben’s Chili Bowl mural wall by 9:15 a.m. ET***

WHERE: **Ben’s Chili Bowl**, 1213 U St. NW Washington, D.C. 20009
(Between N 13th St. & N 12th St. U Street Corridor)
****Media will check-in onsite with MLB PR representative, Troy Watson for interview requests and photo opportunities****

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