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Baseball Legends: Iconic Players Who Shaped the Sport

Short Answer Key

1. Babe Ruth set the record by hitting 60 home runs in a single season.
2. Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball, becoming the first African American to play in the league, which paved the way for racial integration in the sport.
3. Lou Gehrig's farewell speech is considered poignant because he delivered it while battling ALS and expressed gratitude for his life and career despite his illness.
4. One of Willie Mays' most famous moments in baseball is his over-the-shoulder catch during the 1954 World Series.
5. Hank Aaron solidified his place as one of baseball's all-time greats by breaking Babe Ruth's career home run record with his 715th home run in 1974.

