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Everyone is special in his or her own way, but some people are just a little more unique. People like Cal Ripken, Jr. He is the son of a ballplayer, who, at a very young age, showed a magnificent talent for playing baseball. In a career that spanned 21 seasons with the same team, Cal Ripken, Jr. displayed the special combination of skill, inner strength and drive to become one of the best ever.

Cal, who played Babe Ruth Baseball in his younger days while growing up in Aberdeen, Maryland, will long be remembered for his accomplishments in the great game. He played the game the way it was meant to be played—every day. He played a record 2,632 consecutive games, earning the nickname Iron Man. Cal is one of just eight players in history to amass more than 400 home runs and 3,000 hits. Selected to baseball's All-Century team, this two-time Gold Glove Award winner and eight-time Silver Slugger Award winner, was a terrific all-around player. Twice the American League's MVP, Cal and his fellow Oriole teammates made their hometown proud when they clinched the title of 1983 World Series Champions.

Babe Ruth League has the highest regard for Cal Ripken, Jr., which was made evident by the renaming of its youth baseball division from the Bambino Division to the Cal Ripken Baseball Division. Now Ripken is using the platform that baseball has provided him to help grow the game he loves at the grassroots level.

