

Cuba bids farewell to Roberto Pacheco at the Coloso del Cerro

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Tribute to Roberto Pacheco

Havana, May 27 (ACN).- Headed by Jorge Luis Broche, member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and head of the Department of Attention to the Social Sector, the posthumous tribute to Cuban sports narrator Roberto Pacheco, National Radio Award 2018, was held on the grass of the capital's Latin American Stadium.

In the place where so many baseball games narrated Pacheco, who died this May 15 at the age of 81, were Alfonso Noya, president of the Institute of Information and Social Communication, and Osvaldo Vento, president of the National Institute of Sports Physical Education and Recreation, along with Celia Pacheco (daughter), relatives, friends and Cuban baseball executives.

The chalkboard of the Coloso del Cerro displayed images of the "dicharachero" who transmitted so much joy in his baseball or boxing narrations.

With his iconic phrase "Sabroso" (Tasty) or others such as his historic "Formula One, little coffee and no cigarettes", Pacheco, who contributed 51 years of work to Radio Rebelde, won the sympathy of his

listeners.

Always attentive, he once said that he received around 150 calls a day to the program *Deportivamente*, and that he considered himself a satisfied man for having shared time with his great idol, Commander in Chief Fidel Castro.

His jocular phrases "trío de los paticos" (when the scoreboard showed that there were two outs and the batter had two balls and a pair of strikes), or "póngale música, maestro" (when a player hit a home run) will no longer be heard on Radio Rebelde, but the unique mark of Pacheco, who spent more than two decades at the head of the Peñas Deportivas de Cuba, will always remain.

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