

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2116

To designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street, in Paterson, New Jersey, as the “Larry Doby Post Office”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Larry Eugene Doby was born in Camden,
6 South Carolina, on December 12, 1923, and moved
7 to Paterson, New Jersey, in 1938.

8 (2) After playing the 1946 season in the Negro
9 League for the Newark Eagles, Larry Doby’s con-

1 tract was purchased by the Cleveland Indians of the
2 American League on July 3, 1947.

3 (3) On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby became the
4 first African-American to play in the American
5 League.

6 (4) Larry Doby played in the American League
7 for 13 years, appearing in 1,533 games and batting
8 .283, with 253 home runs and 969 runs batted in.

9 (5) Larry Doby was voted to 7 all-star teams,
10 led the American League in home runs twice, and
11 played in 2 World Series; he was the first African-
12 American to play in the World Series and to hit a
13 home run in a World Series game, both in 1948.

14 (6) After his stellar playing career ended, Larry
15 Doby continued to make a significant contribution to
16 his community; he has been a pioneer in the cause
17 of civil rights and has received honorary doctorate
18 degrees from Long Island University, Princeton Uni-
19 versity, and Fairfield University.

20 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The post office located at 194
22 Ward Street, in Paterson, New Jersey, shall be known and
23 designated as the “Larry Doby Post Office”.

24 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
25 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United

1 States to the post office referred to in subsection (a) shall
2 be deemed to be a reference to the “Larry Doby Post Of-
3 fice”.

