

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”.

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## 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

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## 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”.

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