

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 985

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 1997

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## AN ACT

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

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

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

6 (2) After playing the 1946 season in the Negro  
7 League for the Newark Eagles, Larry Doby's con-  
8 tract was purchased by the Cleveland Indians of the  
9 American League on July 3, 1947.

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

13 (4) Larry Doby played in the American League  
14 for 13 years, appearing in 1,533 games and batting  
15 .283, with 253 home runs and 969 runs batted in.

16 (5) Larry Doby was voted to 7 all-star teams,  
17 led the American League in home runs twice, and  
18 played in 2 World Series. He was the first African-  
19 American to play in the World Series and to hit a  
20 home run in a World Series game, both in 1948.

21 (6) After his stellar playing career ended, Larry  
22 Doby continued to make a significant contribution to  
23 his community. He has been a pioneer in the cause  
24 of civil rights and has received honorary doctorate  
25 degrees from Long Island University, Princeton Uni-  
26 versity, and Fairfield University.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF LARRY DOBY POST OFFICE.**

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

5 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
6 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
7 States to the post office referred to in subsection (a) shall  
8 be deemed to be a reference to the “Larry Doby Post Of-  
9 fice”.

Passed the Senate October 9, 1997.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*