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# H. CON. RES. 235

Celebrating the life and achievements of Lawrence Eugene “Larry” Doby.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CLAY, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. FORD, Mr. FROST, Mr. HOLT, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SABO, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CAPUANO, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Celebrating the life and achievements of Lawrence Eugene  
“Larry” Doby.

Whereas on December 12, 1923, Larry Doby was born in Camden, South Carolina and moved to Paterson, New Jersey in 1938, where he became a standout 4 sport athlete at Paterson Eastside High School;

Whereas Larry Doby attended Long Island University on a basketball scholarship before enlisting in the United States Navy;

Whereas in 1943, Larry Doby was the first African American to play professional basketball for the Paterson Panthers, a member of the American Basketball League;

Whereas after playing baseball in the Negro League for the Newark Eagles, Larry Doby's contract was purchased by Bill Veeck of Major League Baseball's Cleveland Indians, a member of the American League, on July 3, 1947;

Whereas on July 5, 1947, Larry Doby became the first African American to play professional baseball in the American League;

Whereas Larry Doby played in the American League for 13 years, appearing in 1,533 games and batting .283, with 253 home runs and 969 runs batted in;

Whereas in 1948, Larry Doby was the first African American to win a World Series and the first African American to hit a home run in the World Series;

Whereas Larry Doby was voted to play in 7 All Star games and led the American League in home runs for two seasons;

Whereas in 1978, Larry Doby became the manager of the Chicago White Sox, only the second African American manager of a Major League team;

Whereas Larry Doby was the Director of Community Relations for the National Basketball Association's New Jersey Nets, where he was deeply involved in a number of inner-city youth programs;

Whereas Larry Doby resided, was active in the community, and raised his family in Montclair, New Jersey;

Whereas Larry Doby received honorary doctorate degrees from Princeton University, Long Island University and Fairfield University; and

Whereas Larry Doby was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the House of Representative—

3            (1) expresses profound sorrow on the death of  
4        Lawrence Eugene “Larry” Doby, and extends con-  
5        dolences to his family;

6            (2) expresses its deep appreciation to Larry  
7        Doby and his family for the impact that he made in  
8        pioneering civil rights by breaking down racial bar-  
9        riers in baseball and in America; and

10          (3) commends Larry Doby as a courageous  
11        leader, a role model, and a paradigm of the Amer-  
12        ican Dream.

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