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Pascrell Announces Legislative Hearing on Hinchliffe Stadium Bill
Legislation would make historic Paterson stadium part of Great Falls National Historical Park

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-09) announced that the House Committee on Natural Resources will hold a hearing on Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013 (H.R. 2430), legislation Pascrell introduced that would make Paterson's Hinchliffe Stadium a part of the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. Rep. Pascrell is expected to testify at the hearing before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, which is scheduled for March 6, 2014 at 10:00am.

"I'm pleased to see this next step towards granting Hinchliffe Stadium the recognition it deserves," said Rep. Pascrell. **"This historic stadium symbolizes the strength and courage of our nation in overcoming racial inequality, and serves as a reminder of Paterson's rich cultural and historical contributions to America. Including Hinchliffe within the Paterson National Park can protect this special chapter in our nation's history, and ensure this story will be told for generations to come."**

In 2009, Representative Pascrell, Senator Menendez and the late Senator Lautenberg introduced the "Great Falls National Historical Park Act," which was signed into law by the President as a part of the "Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009." The measure designated the Great Falls in Paterson as a National Historical Park and commissioned a [study](#) to assess Hinchliffe's potential to be named a National Historic Landmark. Last year the U.S. Department of Interior completed the study, and designated Hinchliffe as a National Historic Landmark.

In 2010, the National Trust for Historic Preservation designated Hinchliffe as one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.

Eleven current members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame played on Hinchliffe's grounds, including Larry Doby, Josh Gibson, William Julius "Judy" Johnson, Oscar Charleston, and Leroy "Satchel" Paige. In addition to hosting Negro League baseball, Hinchliffe Stadium was also

home to three professional football teams, many auto racing events, and professional boxing. Located within Paterson's National Landmark Historic District, the stadium is directly above the Great Falls National Historical Park.

The Paterson School Board, the current owner of the stadium, adopted a resolution in support in support of the bill.

The bill also has the support of the New Jersey Community Development Corporation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Friends of Hinchliffe Stadium, the Hamilton Partnership for Paterson, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and former Paterson Mayor and current Chair of the Great Falls Advisory Commission, Pat Kramer.

The Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013 has been cosponsored by 24 bipartisan cosponsors, including the entire New Jersey congressional delegation. Senator Menendez has introduced a companion version of the Hinchliffe Stadium Heritage Act of 2013 in the Senate as S. 1189.