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NHA and Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee to Dedicate Local Street

Newark, NJ – At 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, The Newark Housing Authority and the Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee will officially dedicate a plaque on Eagles Parkway to commemorate the Newark Eagles 1946 Negro World Series champions.

The city's former Negro League Team, the Eagles, formed when Abe Manley and his wife Effa Manley, founders of the Brooklyn Eagles, purchased the Newark Dodgers franchise and merged the teams in 1936. Team management was left to Effa, making the Eagles the first professional team owned and operated by a woman, and under her guidance the 1946 team won the Negro League World Series.

The team featured future Hall-of-Famers Larry Doby, who made another significant mark in history by becoming the first African American to play in the American League, Ray Dandridge, Leon Day, Monte Irvin, Biz Mackey, and Willie Wells, as well as other stars such as Don Newcombe. In 1948, the Eagles departed from Newark as baseball became integrated.

"The NHA is pleased to be a part of this event honoring the significance of this community," said Kinard. "The dedication of the plaque comes in a timely manner as the NHA works toward redeveloping the Martin Luther King Jr corridor, which is in close vicinity."

WHO: Newark Housing Authority Executive Director Keith Kinard, NHA Chairman Modia Butler, Mayor Cory Booker, Councilwoman Mildred Crump, Anthony Schulman and Calvin Jackson of the Landmarks Committee, Pamela Irvin Fields, daughter of former Eagles' player Monte Irvin and Lawrence Hogan, author of "SHADES OF GLORY: The Negro Leagues and the Story of African-American Baseball," which tells the story of black baseball, from slavery days when it was played on plantations in the pre-Civil War South to the first organized games of the mid-19th century to the glory days of the Negro leagues in the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

WHERE: 643 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Newark NJ

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