

N.W.A., Scully to be preserved by Library of Congress

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WASHINGTON — First it became the basis for an Oscar-nominated movie. Now, "Straight Outta Compton" the groundbreaking album from rap group N.W.A. and a one-time flashpoint in the nation's culture wars has been selected for the prestigious National Recording Registry.

The album was one of 25 additions to the registry announced Wednesday by the Library of Congress, and it wasn't the only one with a Los Angeles connection. Baseball play-by-play from Vin Scully, who retired last year after calling Dodgers games for 67 years, will also join the national library's trove of recordings,

THE OTHER ADDITIONS

Barbra Streisand's 1964 recording of the song "People," from the musical "Funny Girl"; the late David Bowie's 1972 concept album "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars"; the original-cast recording of the musical "The Wiz" (1975); and Sister Sledge's inclusive anthem "We are Family" (1979).

which are selected for their historical, artistic or cultural significance.

The library chose Scully's call of the final meeting between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants at Manhattan's Polo Grounds in 1957. Both teams would depart for California after that season.

"It's a rather imposing call to realize that something that you have done would technically live forever in the Library of Congress," Scully, 89, told The Associated Press from his

home in Hidden Hills, California. "It was a particularly meaningful game for me anyway, so to have it picked up and put for posterity is rather humbling and, at the same time, overwhelming."

Plenty of standards are joining the registry too, including Judy Garland's version of "Over the Rainbow," the Eagles' 1976 greatest-hits collection and Don McLean's elliptical 1971 folk song "American Pie."

Released in 1988, "Straight Outta Compton" influenced

a generation of rappers with its raw lyrics about gang violence and the drug trade in south central Los Angeles. It achieved platinum sales without radio airplay and captured the attention of white America. The incendiary track "F--- the Police" was denounced by right-wing politicians and prompted a warning letter from the FBI to the group's record label.

The album was also one of the first to receive a parental advisory label for explicit content, the outgrowth of a group started by Tipper Gore, then-wife of future vice president Al Gore. But the controversy has long since faded and critics consistently rank it as one of the best hip-hop albums ever made.



AP Photo/Christophe Ena U.S. music producer and rapper O'Shea Jackson, also known by his stage name Ice Cube, poses in Paris in 2015. The Library of Congress announced Wednesday that N.W.A.'s album, "Straight Outta Compton," would be preserved for posterity.



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