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H. R. 1161

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an “American Civil Rights City”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. POCAN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. POLIS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. MOORE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Civil Rights
5 Cities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS CITIES.**

2 (a) ANNUAL DESIGNATIONS.—Not later than one
3 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
4 ally thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior, acting
5 through the National Park Service, shall designate at least
6 one city in the United States as an “American Civil Rights
7 City” based on—

8 (1) contributions of the city to protect civil
9 rights by preventing discrimination based on race,
10 gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion,
11 or disability; and

12 (2) efforts by the city to highlight the struggle
13 of the United States to secure civil rights and lib-
14 erties through preservation and celebration, includ-
15 ing the establishment of historical organizations or
16 museums and recognition of civil rights leaders.

17 (b) FIRST AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS CITIES.—The
18 city of Greensboro, North Carolina, and the city of Selma,
19 Alabama, are each designated as an “American Civil
20 Rights City”.

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