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H. R. 1721

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an “American World War II City”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2017

Mr. ROUZER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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. DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN WORLD WAR II**
4 **CITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall designate at least one city in the United States each
7 year as an “American World War II City”.

1 (b) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—After the des-
2 ignation made under subsection (c), the Secretary, in con-
3 sultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall make each
4 designation under subsection (a) based on the following
5 criteria:

6 (1) Contributions by a city to the war effort
7 during World War II, including those related to de-
8 fense manufacturing, bond drives, service in the
9 Armed Forces, and the presence of military facilities
10 within the city.

11 (2) Efforts by a city to preserve the history of
12 the city’s contributions during World War II, includ-
13 ing through the establishment of preservation orga-
14 nizations or museums, restoration of World War II
15 facilities, and recognition of World War II veterans.

16 (c) FIRST AMERICAN WORLD WAR II CITY.—The
17 city of Wilmington, North Carolina, is designated as an
18 “American World War II City”.

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