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To: Interested 10th District Citizens
From: Rep. Frank R. Wolf *F.R.W.*
Date: March 8, 2007
Re: Hallowed Ground Heritage Area Update

I want to share with you the good news that my legislation (H.R. 319) to create the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area – which would generally follow U.S. Route 15 from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Charlottesville to Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania – cleared its first hurdle yesterday in the House when the Natural Resources Committee approved it for consideration by the full House of Representatives.

This positive first step starts us on the path to passage of this measure, helping to promote perhaps the most historically significant area in the country. Designation of this corridor as a National Heritage Area will create a partnership between federal, state and local governments, as well as businesses and civic organizations, to conserve and promote the historic and cultural resources along the route.

America's history can literally be traced along this corridor. The Monroe Doctrine, the Marshall Plan and the Camp David Accords were penned right here in our backyard. Jefferson's Monticello, Madison's Montpelier, Monroe's Oak Hill and Ash Lawn-Highland, Zachary Taylor's home, Eisenhower's farm, Teddy Roosevelt's cabin and Camp David are situated along the route, which also is dotted with numerous Civil War battlefields and sites from the underground railroad. Those of us fortunate to call this area our home know that the natural and cultural heritage within the proposed boundaries are unparalleled. In addition to 13 national park units, the corridor is also home to 14 national historic landmarks, two World Heritage areas and more than 1 million acres of land already listed on the National Register.

More information about the efforts of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership to promote businesses, education and tourism in the 10th District can be found on my Web site at www.house.gov/wolf/. Just click on the Hallowed Group map.

Please be assured of my continued efforts in working for enactment of this important legislation.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Best wishes.