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H. R. 6118

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an “American World War II Heritage City”, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. AMERICAN WORLD WAR II HERITAGE CITIES.**

2 (a) DESIGNATION.—In order to recognize and ensure
3 the continued preservation and importance of the history
4 of the United States involvement in World War II, each
5 calendar year the Secretary of the Interior (referred to
6 in this section as the “Secretary”) may designate not less
7 than one city located in one of the several States or a terri-
8 tory of the United States as an “American World War
9 II Heritage City”. Not more than one city in each State
10 or territory may be designated under this section.

11 (b) APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION.—The Sec-
12 retary shall—

13 (1) establish and publicize the process by which
14 a city may apply for designation as an American
15 World War II Heritage City based on the criteria in
16 subsection (c); and

17 (2) encourage cities to apply for designation as
18 an American World War II Heritage City.

19 (c) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—The Secretary, in
20 consultation with the Secretary of the Smithsonian Insti-
21 tution or the President of the National Trust for Historic
22 Preservation, shall make each designation under sub-
23 section (a) based on the following criteria:

24 (1) Contributions by a city and its environs to
25 the World War II home-front war effort, including
26 contributions related to—

1 (A) defense manufacturing, such as ships,
2 aircraft, uniforms, and equipment;

3 (B) production of foodstuffs and consumer
4 items for Armed Forces and home consumption;

5 (C) war bond drives;

6 (D) adaptations to wartime survival;

7 (E) volunteer participation;

8 (F) civil defense preparedness;

9 (G) personnel serving in the Armed
10 Forces, their achievements, and facilities for
11 their rest and recreation; or

12 (H) the presence of Armed Forces camps,
13 bases, airfields, harbors, repair facilities, and
14 other installations within or in its environs.

15 (2) Achievements by a city and its environs to
16 preserve the heritage and legacy of the city's con-
17 tributions to the war effort and to preserve World
18 War II history, including—

19 (A) the identification, preservation, res-
20 toration, and interpretation of World War II-re-
21 lated structures, facilities and sites;

22 (B) establishment of museums, parks, and
23 markers;

24 (C) establishment of memorials to area
25 men who lost their lives in service;

1 (D) organizing groups of veterans and
2 home-front workers and their recognition;

3 (E) presentation of cultural events such as
4 dances, plays, and lectures;

5 (F) public relations outreach through the
6 print and electronic media, and books; and

7 (G) recognition and ceremonies remem-
8 bering wartime event anniversaries.

Passed the House of Representatives December 10,
2018.

Attest:

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Clerk.