

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. TIERNEY OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Add at the end of subtitle I of title X the following
(and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 1099C. OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF SALEM, MASSA-**
2 **CHUSETTS, AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE NA-**
3 **TIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) In 1629, Captain John Endicott organized
7 the first militia in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in
8 Salem.

9 (2) The colonists had adopted the English mili-
10 tia system, which required all males between the
11 ages of 16 and 60 to possess arms and participate
12 in the defense of the community.

13 (3) In 1636, the Massachusetts General Court
14 ordered the organization of three militia regiments,
15 designated as the North, South, and East regiments.

16 (4) These regiments drilled once a week and
17 provided guard details each evening to sound the
18 alarm in case of attack.

1 (5) The East Regiment, the predecessor of the
2 101st Engineer Battalion, assembled as a regiment
3 for the first time in 1637 on the Salem Common,
4 marking the beginning of the Massachusetts Na-
5 tional Guard and the National Guard of the United
6 States.

7 (6) Since 1785, Salem’s own Second Corps of
8 Cadets (101st and 102nd Field Artillery) has cele-
9 brated the anniversary of that first muster.

10 (7) As the policy contained in section 102 of
11 title 32, United States Code, clearly expresses, the
12 National Guard continues its historic mission of pro-
13 viding units for the first line defense of the United
14 States and current missions throughout the world.

15 (8) The designation of the City of Salem, Mas-
16 sachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard
17 of the United States will contribute positively to
18 tourism and economic development in the city, create
19 jobs, and instill pride in both the local and State
20 communities.

21 (b) RECOGNITION.—Section 102 of title 32, United
22 States Code, is amended—

23 (1) by striking “In accordance” and inserting
24 “(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—In accordance”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b) RECOGNITION OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS, AS
4 NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHPLACE.—The City of Salem,
5 Massachusetts, the site of the first muster of a militia
6 regiment in 1637 in what became the United States, is
7 hereby recognized as the Birthplace of the National Guard
8 of the United States.”.

