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-
CHUSETTS, AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE NA-
TIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

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

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

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

(4) These regiments drilled once a week and
provided guard details each evening to sound the
alarm in case of attack.
(5) The East Regiment, the predecessor of the 101st Engineer Battalion, assembled as a regiment for the first time in 1637 on the Salem Common, marking the beginning of the Massachusetts National Guard and the National Guard of the United States.

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

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

(8) The designation of the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States will contribute positively to tourism and economic development in the city, create jobs, and instill pride in both the local and State communities.

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

(1) by striking “In accordance” and inserting “(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—In accordance”; and
(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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