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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most Patriotic city in America.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
Kerry J. Byrne	*174 Marlboro St. Wollaston, MA 02170*

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 3128) of Bruce J. Ayers and Kerry J. Byrne for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most Patriotic city in America.

Whereas Quincy is the only community in America that is the birthplace of two U.S. Presidents, John Adams and John Quincy Adams;

Whereas Quincy is the only community in America that is the final resting place of two U.S. Presidents and two First Ladies;

Whereas Quincy is the home of America's first presidential library, the Stone Library at Peacefield, which houses 14,000 books from two presidents and other national treasures;

Whereas Quincy is one of just four communities in the United States that's the home of two signers of the Declaration of Independence;

Whereas Quincy is the birthplace of famed patriot John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress who boldly wrote his signature on the Declaration of Independence so large that King George “could read his name without spectacles”;

12 Whereas Hancock Cemetery in Quincy is the final resting place of 69 veterans of the
13 American Revolution;

14 Whereas the Massachusetts Constitution, the world's oldest existing constitution and
15 inspiration for the U.S. Constitution, was written in Quincy;

16 Whereas North Quincy High School is believed to be the only school in the nation that
17 produced two Medal of Honor recipients in World War II; and is also the alma mater of Maj.
18 Gen. Charles Sweeney, the only man to fly both atomic bomb missions;

19 Whereas Quincy was the home of two shipyards in America's mighty "Arsenal of
20 Democracy" that helped triumph over global tyranny in both World War I and World War II;

21 Whereas the inspirational phrase "Kilroy Was Here," which became a patriotic rallying
22 cry that buoyed the spirits of American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines overseas in World
23 War II, originated in the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy;

24 Whereas Quincy is proud home of the oldest Flag Day parade in the nation, held each
25 June 14 since 1952, followed by the unfurling of a 60-foot-long American flag, flyover, patriotic
26 song and fireworks celebration;

27 Whereas Quincy is the home of 108 sites listed on the national Register of Historic
28 Places; and the home of seven National Historic Landmarks;

29 Whereas thousands of men and women from Quincy continue to serve the advancement
30 of their nation today, in the military, in volunteerism and in service to their fellow man;

Whereas Quincy remains a city proud of its patriotic legacy and great contributions to American history and the advancement of representative governments on our own shores and around the globe, and is a strong, prosperous and diverse community today;

Resolved, that The General Court urges the United States Congress to declare the city of Quincy as the most Patriotic City in America; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of the House to the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation.