

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 859

To authorize references to the museum located at Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, Arkansas, as the “National Cold War Center”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. HILL, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. WESTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Cold War
5 Center Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The BAFB Cold War Museum, Inc., a non-
9 profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the In-

1 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, is responsible for the
2 finances and management of the National Cold War
3 Museum at Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base in
4 Blytheville, Arkansas.

5 (2) The National Cold War Center, located on
6 the Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base, will be recog-
7 nized as a major tourist attraction in Arkansas that
8 will provide an immersive and authoritative experi-
9 ence in informing, interpreting, and honoring the
10 legacy of the Cold War.

11 (3) The Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base has
12 the only intact, publicly accessible Alert Facility and
13 Weapons Storage Facility in the United States.

14 (4) There is an urgent need to preserve the sto-
15 ries, artifacts, and heroic achievements of the Cold
16 War.

17 (5) The United States has a need to preserve
18 forever the knowledge and history of the United
19 States' achievements in the Cold War century and to
20 portray that history to citizens, visitors, and school
21 children for centuries to come.

22 (6) The National Cold War Center seeks to
23 educate a diverse group of audiences through its col-
24 lection of artifacts, photographs, and firsthand per-

1 sonal accounts of the participants in the war on the
2 home front.

3 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

4 The purposes of this Act are—

5 (1) to authorize references to the museum lo-
6 cated at Blytheville/Eaker Air Force Base in Blythe-
7 ville, Arkansas, including its future and expanded
8 exhibits, collections, and educational programs, as
9 the “National Cold War Center”;

10 (2) to ensure the continuing preservation, main-
11 tenance, and interpretation of the artifacts, docu-
12 ments, images, and history collected by the Center;

13 (3) to enhance the knowledge of the American
14 people of the experience of the United States during
15 the Cold War years;

16 (4) to provide and support a facility for the
17 public display of the artifacts, photographs, and per-
18 sonal histories of the Cold War years; and

19 (5) to ensure that all future generations under-
20 stand the sacrifices made to preserve freedom and
21 democracy, and the benefits of peace for all future
22 generations in the 21st century and beyond.

1 **SEC. 4. REFERENCE TO AMERICA'S COLD WAR CENTER.**

2 The museum located at Blytheville/Eaker Air Force
3 Base in Blytheville, Arkansas, is hereby authorized to be
4 referred to as the “National Cold War Center”.

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