

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1771

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2021

Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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

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 2021”.

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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