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TROY DESIGNATED A “UNIQUELY AMERICAN” CITY

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(TROY - June 18, 2009) – In a recent issue of Newsmax magazine, Troy was highlighted as one of “[t]he 25 cities and towns that best express our national values.” Based on a set of formal and informal criteria, Troy was the only city from New York to be included on the list.

“As the huge turnout at our Flag Day parade demonstrates, Troy is populated with residents who are more than happy to show their pride in community and country,” said Mayor Harry Tutunjian. “From Lansingburgh to South Troy, and all the neighborhoods in between, nothing says ‘Uniquely American’ like the home of Uncle Sam.”

The article was authored by Peter Greenberg who has written volumes of books on travel in the United States and referred to Troy as “another great example of American spirit.” In considering various metrics by which to base his decisions, Greenberg narrowed them down to nine different categories: Hospitality, Wholesomeness, Family-Friendliness, Business-Friendliness, Devotion to Religion, Culture, Community Activities, Scenic Beauty and Education.

Bolstered by the relatively large amount of higher education institutions and the number of publicly accessible free events, such as this weekend’s River St Festival, Troy ranked highest in the Wholesomeness and Education categories.

“Being designated a ‘Uniquely American’ city, is just another feather in our cap, one that keeps the momentum of our renaissance rolling,” said Mayor Tutunjian. “I look forward to keeping this designation year after year.”

The only other cities from the Northeast to make the list were Brick Township and Franklin Township, both located in New Jersey.

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