

**Personal Statement of Jason D. Greenblatt in Support of H.R. 2701, the
Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act**

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Chairman Luttrell and Ranking Member McGarvey, throughout my career—as a lawyer, a senior executive at The Trump Organization, and as Special Representative for International Negotiations under President Trump—I have had the honor of advocating for justice, dignity, and truth, especially when it comes to issues impacting the Jewish people and the U.S.-Israel relationship.

That's why I'm proud to express my strong support for H.R. 2701, the Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Restoration Act. This important legislation addresses a profound injustice: the misidentification of Jewish American servicemen buried under Latin crosses in U.S. military cemeteries overseas, rather than the Star of David that reflects their identity and faith.

These were brave Americans—Jews—who gave their lives in defense of the freedoms we hold dear. Honoring them properly is not a matter of religious preference; it is a matter of national integrity. Operation Benjamin's work to restore their true identity in death is sacred and commendable, but it should not fall on private citizens alone. H.R. 2701 gives our government the means to

correct these errors and ensure that all who visit these cemeteries see the full diversity of the American sacrifice.

At a time of deeply troubling antisemitism in the United States and abroad, it is more important than ever to affirm the presence, contributions, and dignity of Jewish Americans—especially those who gave their lives in service to this country. Passing this bill would send a clear and meaningful message: we see you, we remember you, and we honor you for who you truly were.

I respectfully urge Congress to pass H.R. 2701 without delay.

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