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The Honorable Mike Bost
Chairman, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Bost:

On behalf of the Republican Jewish Coalition, we are pleased to write in support of the Fallen Services Members Religious Heritage Restoration Act, H.R. 2701.

Jewish tradition teaches that a selfless act of kindness is the highest form of charity. The epitome of selfless kindness is to act on behalf of the deceased, who are unable to repay us.

H.R. 2701 directs the American Battle Monuments Commission establish a Fallen Services Members Religious Heritage Restoration Program, and provides funding for efforts already under way through collaboration with the nonprofit organization Operation Benjamin, to identify Jewish U.S. servicemembers buried in military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and help their families replace the grave markers to properly reflect their religious heritage.

Preserving the memory of Jewish servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice will express the greatest form of kindness. It will reflect the vibrant tapestry of our nation by providing an appropriate memorial to every American who fought, and was buried with his fellow servicemembers, side by side, in defense of liberty. While we can never fully repay the debt owed to our heroes, it is fitting to honor them as they honored our Country.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter and your friendship to Jewish Americans.

Sincerely,

Senator Norm Coleman
National Chairman

Matthew Brooks
Chief Executive Officer