

He also used his expertise to help people on a very personal level. He managed to negotiate with the Assad government of Syria the right of the Syrian Jewish women to emigrate to the United States because there were no Jewish men in Syria for them to marry. The freedom he won for the "Syrian Brides" is still remembered fondly in New York's Syrian Jewish community which I now represent.

His dedication to religious liberty had a profound effect on our legal system. In response to the Supreme Court's decision in *Employment Division v. Smith*, he drafted the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which restored the application of strict scrutiny to governmental burdens on the free exercise of religion. Although later gutted by the Supreme Court with respect to the states, it remains the law of the land at the federal level.

Less well known was the so-called "Yarmulke Bill," which he introduced in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *Goldman v. Weinberger*, in which the Court held that Americans serving in uniform had no religious right to wear even non-obtrusive religious articles such as a yarmulke. The bill eventually passed over vocal opposition from the Reagan administration, and remains the law of the land.

In these endeavors, he managed to bring together a diverse coalition of religious and civil liberties organizations from across the spectrum; from the American Civil Liberties Union, to the National Association of Evangelicals.

As a son of Brooklyn, who never forgot where he came from, he was always active in the life of the neighborhoods he represented. Although not as well known as his more high profile accomplishments, he fought for Brooklyn's working waterfront as a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. He shepherded through the reconstruction of the historic beach at Coney Island. Whether people had concerns about local transportation issues, or the quality of their schools, Steve Solarz was always there fighting for his neighbors.

Even after leaving office, Steve Solarz was a respected voice in international affairs. His vast knowledge and experience were of great importance to decision makers when grappling with some of the most complex and sensitive global issues. We will miss his wise counsel as we face an increasingly complex future.

On a more personal note, Steve Solarz was a mensch. He leaves behind friends and colleagues who will miss him very much. Our country is a better place because of his commitment to public service. The people of the world have lost a tireless advocate for freedom and democracy.

I want to extend my personal condolences to Nina Solarz, their children, Randy Glantz and Lisa Prickett, and to their families. The Nation shares in their loss, and wishes them well.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize my friend and colleague, the gentleman from New York, PETER KING.

Mr. KING of New York. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues in expressing condolences on the death of Steve Solarz, who served with distinction in the New York State Legislature and for many

years here in Congress, earning a bipartisan reputation for his expertise in foreign affairs.

In an age of partisanship, I will bring out that, in a bipartisan nature, he worked very closely with President Bush 41 in cosponsoring the resolution for Operation Desert Storm, and he was also a principal adviser to President Bill Clinton in his campaign for President in 1992. He transcended party politics. He was a true foreign policy expert, and all of New York mourns his passing.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members and guests of the House will please rise to observe a moment of silence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

HONORING AIR WINGS AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 1585) honoring and recognizing the exemplary service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 408, noes 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 585]

AYES—408

Ackerman	Baird	Bilirakis	Gerlach	Lynch
Aderholt	Baldwin	Bishop (GA)	Giffords	Mack
Adler (NJ)	Barrow	Bishop (NY)	Gingrey (GA)	Maffei
Akin	Bartlett	Bishop (UT)	Gohmert	Maloney
Alexander	Barton (TX)	Blackburn	Gonzalez	Manullo
Altmire	Bean	Blumenauer	Goodlatte	Markey (CO)
Andrews	Becerra	Blunt	Gordon (TN)	Markey (MA)
Arcuri	Berkley	Bocieri	Granger	Marshall
Austria	Berman	Boehner	Graves (GA)	Matheson
Baca	Berry	Bonner	Graves (MO)	Matsui
Bachmann	Biggert	Bono Mack	Grayson	McCarthy (CA)
Bachus	Bilbray	Boozman	Green, Al	McCarthy (NY)
			Green, Gene	McCaul
			Griffith	McClintock
			Grijalva	McCollum
			Guthrie	McCotter
			Gutierrez	McDermott
			Hall (NY)	McGovern
			Hall (TX)	McHenry
			Halvorson	McIntyre
			Hare	McKeon
			Harman	McMahon
			Harper	McMorris
			Hastings (WA)	Rodgers
			Heinrich	McNerney
			Heller	Meek (FL)
			Hensarling	Meeks (NY)
			Hershey	Melancon
			Herseth Sandlin	Mica
			Higgins	Michaud
			Hill	Miller (FL)
			Himes	Miller (MI)
			Hinchee	Miller (NC)
			Hinojosa	Miller, Gary
			Hirono	Minnick
			Hodes	Mitchell
			Hoekstra	Mollohan
			Holden	Moore (KS)
			Holt	Moran (VA)
			Honda	Murphy (CT)
			Hoyer	Murphy (NY)
			Hunter	Murphy, Patrick
			Inglis	Murphy, Tim
			Inslie	Nadler (NY)
			Israel	Napolitano
			Issa	Neal (MA)
			Jackson (IL)	Neugebauer
			Jackson Lee	Nunes
			(TX)	Nye
			Jenkins	Oberstar
			Johnson (GA)	Obey
			Johnson (IL)	Olson
			Johnson, E. B.	Olver
			Johnson, Sam	Owens
			Jones	Pallone
			Jordan (OH)	Pascarell
			Kagen	Pastor (AZ)
			Kanjorski	Paul
			Kaptur	Paulsen
			Kennedy	Payne
			Kildee	Pence
			Kilpatrick (MI)	Perlmutter
			Kilroy	Perriello
			Kind	Peters
			King (IA)	Peterson
			King (NY)	Petri
			Kingston	Pingree (ME)
			Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Pitts
			Kissell	Platts
			Klein (FL)	Poe (TX)
			Kline (MN)	Polis (CO)
			Kosmas	Pomeroy
			Kratovil	Posey
			Kucinich	Price (GA)
			Lamborn	Price (NC)
			Lance	Quigley
			Langevin	Rahall
			Larsen (WA)	Rangel
			Larson (CT)	Reed
			Latham	Rehberg
			LaTourette	Reichert
			Latta	Reyes
			Lee (CA)	Richardson
			Lee (NY)	Rodriguez
			Levin	Roe (TN)
			Lewis (CA)	Rogers (AL)
			Lewis (GA)	Rogers (KY)
			Linder	Rogers (MI)
			Lipinski	Rohrabacher
			LoBiondo	Rooney
			Loebsock	Ros-Lehtinen
			Lofgren, Zoe	Roskam
			Lowey	Ross
			Lucas	Rothman (NJ)
			Luetkemeyer	Roybal-Allard
			Lujan	Royce
			Lummis	Ruppersberger
			Lungren, Daniel	Ryan (OH)
			E.	Ryan (WI)