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# H. R. 3392

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2001

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## AN ACT

To name the national cemetery in Saratoga, New York,  
as the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery,  
and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Gerald Brooks Hunt “Jerry” Solomon of  
4 Glens Falls, New York, served in the House of Rep-  
5 resentatives for 10 terms, from January 3, 1979, to  
6 January 3, 1999, and during that service gained a  
7 reputation for being outspoken and tenacious in pre-  
8 senting his views on a wide range of issues.

9 (2) Congressman Solomon was born in Okee-  
10 chobee, Florida, and grew up there during the Great  
11 Depression before moving to New York in 1945.

12 (3) Congressman Solomon enlisted in the  
13 United States Marine Corps at the onset of the Ko-  
14 rean War and served in the Marine Corps for 8½  
15 years on active and reserve duty.

16 (4) Before being elected to Congress in 1978,  
17 Congressman Solomon was a businessman in Glens  
18 Falls, New York.

19 (5) During his 20-year congressional career,  
20 Congressman Solomon served as the ranking Repub-  
21 lican on the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, where  
22 he was recognized by the veterans community as one  
23 of its strongest advocates. Among his other accom-  
24 plishments for veterans, Congressman Solomon  
25 spearheaded the effort to create the Cabinet-level  
26 Department of Veterans Affairs and successfully led

1 a 15-year drive to establish the Saratoga National  
2 Cemetery in Saratoga, New York, where he is now  
3 interred.

4 (6) Congressman Solomon was also recognized  
5 for his efforts to promote pride, patriotism, and vol-  
6 unteerism, and when the Supreme Court ruled that  
7 laws prohibiting the burning of the United States  
8 flag were unconstitutional, Congressman Solomon  
9 was given the assignment to pass a constitutional  
10 amendment to prohibit desecration of the flag. The  
11 Solomon Amendment passed overwhelmingly in the  
12 House, but failed by one vote in the Senate.

13 (7) As chairman of the Committee on Rules of  
14 the House of Representatives, Congressman Sol-  
15 omon revamped the rules under which the House op-  
16 erates, abolishing proxy voting, opening all meetings  
17 to the media and the public, and making Congress  
18 subject to the same laws that the American people  
19 live under.

20 (8) During his congressional career, Congress-  
21 man Solomon was the recipient of dozens of major  
22 awards from many national veterans organizations,  
23 including the coveted “Iron Mike Award”, presented  
24 to him by the Marine Corps and Marine Corps  
25 League, and the Distinguished Citizen Award, pre-

1       sented to him by the National Congressional Medal  
2       of Honor Society for his legislative successes on be-  
3       half of the United States military and veterans  
4       issues.

5   **SEC. 2. NAME OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN SARATOGA,**  
6                   **NEW YORK.**

7       (a) NAME.—The national cemetery located in Sara-  
8   toga, New York, shall after the date of the enactment of  
9   this Act be known and designated as the “Gerald B.H.  
10   Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery”. Any reference to  
11   such national cemetery in any law, regulation, map, docu-  
12   ment, record, or other paper of the United States shall  
13   be considered to be a reference to the Gerald B.H. Sol-  
14   omon Saratoga National Cemetery.

15       (b) MEMORIAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
16   shall provide for the placement in the national cemetery  
17   referred to in subsection (a) of a suitable memorial to  
18   honor the memory of Gerald B.H. Solomon and his service  
19   to the United States.

      Passed the House of Representatives December 4,  
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*