

All those who perished through the cruelty
of the oppressor.
Not punished for any individual guilt, but in-
discriminately,
Men and women * * *
Young and old * * *
The learned and the simple * * *
Were "driven in multitudes along the road of
pain and pitiless death."
They lie in nameless graves.
Their places of everlasting sleep are not
known to us.
Yet we will not forget them.
We take them into our hearts and give them
a place beside the treasured memories
of our own beloved.
May their remembrance give us the strength
To turn from death to life,
To love where others hate,
To hope where others despair,
To retain our belief in humankind and in the
conviction that,
In spite of everything, there is meaning in
life and in human history.

Thus will we give substance to the words of
our tradition, those words which we repeat
six million times—and more.

Yitgadal, V'yitkadash sh'mey rabba * * *

Magnified and sanctified be thy Name of
God.

HONORING THE GALLATIN
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this
opportunity to applaud the invaluable services
provided by the Auburntown Volunteer Fire
Department. These brave, civic minded people
give freely of their time so that we may all feel
safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard
work that goes into being a volunteer fire-
fighter. To quote one of my local volunteers,
"These fireman must have an overwhelming
desire to do for others while expecting nothing
in return."

Preparation includes twice monthly training
programs in which they have live drills, study
the latest videos featuring the latest in fire
fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars
where they can obtain the knowledge they
need to save lives. Within a year of becoming
a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Ten-
nessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro
where they undergo further, intensified train-
ing.

When the residents of my district go to bed
at night, they know that should disaster strike
and their home catch fire, well trained and
qualified volunteer fire departments are ready
and willing to give so graciously and gener-
ously of themselves. This peace of mind
should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they en-
sure a safer future for us all. We owe these
volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude
for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI BRADD H.
BOXMAN

HON. VICTOR O. FRAZER

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. FRAZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay
special tribute to Rabbi Bradd H. Boxman.
Rabbi Bradd H. Boxman was born and raised
in Philadelphia, PA. He became a bar mitzvah
and was confirmed at Beth David Reform
Congregation, where he later taught in the re-
ligious school for nearly 5 years. Bradd earned
a B.A. in modern languages at Villanova Uni-
versity, where he also minored in Christian
studies. From 1979–81, he served as presi-
dent of the Hillel Jewish Student Union at
Villanova. In 1980, he traveled to the Soviet
Union to visit Soviet Jewish Refuseniks. In
1981, he began his rabbinic studies at the He-
brew Union College-Jewish Institute of Reli-
gion in Jerusalem, where he created and fa-
cilitated a wood workshop program for phys-
ically disabled children at Alyn Hospital.

In Cincinnati, OH, where Bradd completed
his rabbinic education, he taught at Wise Tem-
ple and Yavneh Day School. He was chair-
person of the social action committee at HUC
for 2 years and was appointed as the first rab-
binic student liaison to the UAHC Social Ac-
tion Commission. Bradd served as a member
of the board of the Cincinnati Council of Soviet
Jews between 1983–86. His strong interest in
and commitment to social action was recog-
nized by the Central Conference of Rabbis in
1985, when he was awarded the Horace J.
Wolf Memorial prize for the social action pro-
grams he implemented.

Rabbi Boxman was the student rabbi for 2
years at Temple Beth Shalom in Winter
Haven, FL. He also served pulpits in Marion,
IN, and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in
Dayton, OH, where he was a civilian chaplain.
Bradd's rabbinic thesis is entitled: "The Signifi-
cance of Brit Milah in Reform Judaism."

Rabbi Boxman began his career as a rabbi
at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation where
he served as assistant and then associate
rabbi from 1986–90. At Indianapolis, Rabbi
Boxman initiated several new programs and
activities, including a Soviet Jewry Committee,
a unique basic Judaism curriculum, and an
award winning family education program en-
titled "Geshber L'Mishpachah." Rabbi Boxman
also directed the establishment of the new li-
brary facility at that congregation.

Rabbi Boxman served as chaplain at the In-
diana University Medical Center and as a civil-
ian chaplain of Ft. Benjamin Harrison. He was
chairperson of the Indianapolis Board of Rab-
bis, 1989–90, and was actively involved in
interfaith work throughout his tenure in that
city.

Rabbi Boxman moved to St. Thomas in
September 1990. Soon after his arrival he es-
tablished Interfaith Coalition of St. Thomas/St.
John and served as its first president from
1991–95. He served on the St. Thomas Hos-
pital's pastoral care committee and its bio-
medical ethics committee. He also served as
a board member for the following organiza-
tions: The Child Abuse Task Force of St.
Thomas/St. John, Y.E.S.—youth experiencing
success, and the United Way Grant Allocation
Committee.

Rabbi Boxman was honored by the St.
Thomas/St. John Federation of Teachers with

a Feddy Award in 1993 for his religious lead-
ership in the community. During the syna-
gogue's bicentennial year 1995–96, Rabbi
Boxman led his congregation's 200th anniver-
sary celebration by bringing religious leaders,
scholars, artists, and social programs to the is-
land. These included Cardinal Bernard Law,
Rabbi Harold Kushner, Supreme Court Justice
Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Itzhak Perlman, Elie
Wiesel, and Maya Angelou. He also helped to
institute the Anti-Defamation League's teach-
ing tolerance program called A World of Dif-
ference in the public, private, and parochial
schools on St. Thomas and St. John.

Rabbi Boxman and his wife Linda have
been married for almost 13 years and have
three daughters: Ariel, Talia, and Achira. They
will next take up residence in Danbury, CT,
where Rabbi Boxman will be the spiritual lead-
er of the United Jewish Congregation.

Mr. Speaker, as the representative of the
people of the Virgin Islands, I wish Rabbi
Boxman and his family God speed and remind
him that they will always be a part of the Vir-
gin Islands. We will always leave the door
open and the light on for them.

A FLAG DAY TRIBUTE TO THE
CATSKILL ELKS LODGE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, back on June
14, 1777, the Continental Congress of the
United States adopted a resolution that gave
us the Stars and Stripes that are our America
flag. This June 14, 1996, we will celebrate the
219th Flag Day and this Sunday, June 9,
1996, the Catskill Elks Lodge will be holding
their annual Flag Day celebration to com-
memorate the most significant occasion.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you why it is so im-
portant that organizations like the Elks Lodge
No. 1341 in Catskill, NY, take the time to re-
cognize Flag Day and the American flag. It's
because our flag is unique and so is Flag Day.
To my knowledge, no other nation has a holi-
day like it. No other nation has a special day
when its people gather, as those will gather at
the Catskill Elks Lodge, to honor the flag as a
special symbol.

And that Mr. Speaker, is what makes our
flag and Flag Day unique. It represents a
unique nation, the strongest, freest, greatest
nation on Earth. No other flag is anchored so
securely in the hearts of a people like Old
Glory is in ours.

Let's stop for a moment and consider why
that is. It's because of civic organizations and
people like those at the Catskill Elks Lodge
who continually remind us of the importance of
our flag. It's because of their efforts to raise
public awareness of the flag and all that it
stands for that Old Glory commands the devo-
tion, respect, and reverence that it does.

That's why, Mr. Speaker, I am so proud to
address the members of the Catskill Elks
Lodge as Brother Elk. The Elks are devoted to
promoting pride, patriotism, and volunteerism
and do more than anyone when it comes to
those goals. The Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks have helped to relight the fire of
patriotism in every American citizen and
through their voluntary acts on behalf of the