

Resolution introduced to extradite top Nazi

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two New York congressmen introduced a resolution Thursday calling for diplomatic action to extradite the last uncaptured high-ranking Nazi war criminal. Alois Brunner, from Syria to Germany.

Noting cooperation from Syria in the Gulf War, Democrat Michael McNulty urged President George Bush to ask Syrian President Hafez Assad to turn over Brunner, a top aide to Adolf Eichmann, for a war crimes trial.

"It would be a good way for Assad to demonstrate better relations with the West," McNulty said at a news conference.

French courts convicted Brunner in absentia in 1954 and sentenced him to death for sending 148,000

Jews to their deaths from Austria, Germany, France, Slovakia, and Greece.

Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld, who appeared with McNulty and co-sponsor Republican Rep. Benjamin Oilman, said she is certain that Brunner, 79, lives in Syria, although the Syrian government has denied it. She displayed a published photograph of him taken in Damascus and said he is living under the alias Georg Fischer.

"It doesn't matter that he's advanced in years and doesn't have many years to live,"

The Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles last week asked Secretary of State James Baker to pressure Syrian President Hafez Assad to extradite Brunner.