

United States in the United Nations and other international fora. However, we must not continue to take it for granted.

In the post-cold-war era we need to ensure that we remain engaged in this key strategic region on the doorstep of Asia. In order to do this we must continue to support the work of regional organizations such as the South Pacific Commission, the South Pacific Regional Environment Program, and the South Pacific Forum.

I am pleased to learn that the administration has recently paid the U.S. contribution for this year to the South Pacific Commission. It is important that we maintain our commitment to this key regional organization.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution and request that the full text of House Concurrent Resolution 189 be printed at this point in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES 189

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the Congress—

(1) recognizes the traditional and close ties between the United States and the South Pacific region and reaffirms the value of these ties;

(2) notes the need to continue to support the efforts of the countries of the region to enhance the sustainable development of the more fragile island economies and their integration into the regional economy, while helping to ensure the protection of the unique ecosystems of the region;

(3) commends the South Pacific Commission for the process of managerial and organizational reform currently being undertaken, and recognizes the important role the United States financial contribution to, and participation in, the organization makes in assisting it to realize the gradual economic self-sufficiency to all members of the organization; and

(4) reaffirms the commitment of the United States as a member of the South Pacific Commission and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, and the post-forum dialogue partnership of the United States with the South Pacific Forum.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE AND GERALD STEIN

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to rise in tribute to Milwaukeeans Louise and Gerald Stein, as they receive the Jerusalem 3000 Builders of Israel Award on Monday evening, June 24, 1996.

Both Louise and Jerry were raised in traditional Jewish homes, stressing family and faith. These commitments remain an important and vital part of their lives to this day.

Louise, in addition to raising the couple's three daughters, has been very active over the years as an officer in the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, the Milwaukee Association for Jewish Education and the B'nai B'rith Women's Council.

As president and chief executive officer of the Milwaukee-based Zilber/Towne Realty family of companies, Jerry has been a positive force in the Milwaukee business and Jewish communities for many years. He is currently the president of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and is a past campaign chair. In addition,

he is a director and past president of the Milwaukee Center for Independence and the Milwaukee Public Museum. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Foundation Board, the Milwaukee Heart Institute, First Bank Milwaukee, the UW-M School of Business and the Marquette University Law School Multicultural Council all benefit from Jerry's dedicated efforts.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I join the family of Louise and Jerry Stein, their business associates and many friends in honoring them as they receive the prestigious Jerusalem 3000 builders of Israel Award.

Continued best wishes, and on behalf of the residents of the greater Milwaukee-area, I offer a heartfelt "thank you" for your generosity and many, many hours of unselfish work over the years.

F.E. SPOONER, CHUCK SHAW, RON RHODES HONORED FOR DEDICATION TO STUDENTS

HON. HARRY JOHNSTON

OF FLORIDA

HON. MARK ADAM FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to congratulate F.E. (Buz) Spooner, Chuck Shaw, and Ron Rhodes for their long dedication to the students of Palm Beach County. For 38 years they have provided over 55,000 students with the opportunity to visit our Nation's Capital. It has been our pleasure to greet the thousands of students they brought to Washington, DC. Every year the patrols arrive and fill the seats on the floor of the House of Representatives, bringing their interest and excited enthusiasm to these normally staid Chambers. Their enthusiasm reminded all of us who work here of the awesome nature of the Capitol and what it represents.

We commend Buz, Chuck, and Ron for granting this opportunity to so many students over the years. One of the greatest problems in our country today is a lack of understanding and appreciation for our democratic system and the way we make laws and why. Introducing young people to the Capitol and educating them on the law-making process is a truly admirable pursuit that will serve our entire country as those same students become adults who have the power to vote and effect change.

The efforts and dedication of Buz Spooner, Chuck Shaw, and Ron Rhodes are remembered and appreciated by our south Florida colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and our predecessors, the Honorables Dan Mica and Tom Lewis. Most importantly, they are remembered by the students who will retain the experience and grow up to be citizens actively involved in the democratic process. We can only hope that others will take up the challenge and continue providing this service for future generations. It would be the best way to honor the legacy of these three men.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3540) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes:

Mr. REED. Mr. Chairman, on June 11, 1996, I voted in favor of H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill. While I still have some concerns about this legislation, including the continued restrictions on international family planning and funding of expanded-IMET for Indonesia, overall I believe this legislation includes several important provisions which deserve the support of the House.

First, this bill provides crucial funding for our allies in the Middle East. H.R. 3540 recognizes our ongoing commitments to Israel and Egypt, providing \$3 billion and \$2.1 billion respectively in economic and military aid.

As our Democratic ally in the Middle East, Israel has been a leader in the effort to bring peace to this region of the world. The peace process is under tremendous pressure and we need to continue to show our strong support as Israel and its neighbors continue to seek peace. It is crucial that we maintain this funding and continue our efforts on behalf of the peace process in the Middle East.

H.R. 3540 also takes important steps to strengthen the Humanitarian Corridor Act. As a cosponsor of the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act, I was extremely troubled with the President's waiver of the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act for Turkey on May 16, 1996. I am pleased that the House overwhelmingly approved Mr. VISCLOSKY's amendment which cut economic aid to Turkey by \$25 million until it lifts its blockade of U.S. humanitarian relief to Armenia. This amendment will send a strong message to Turkey that the United States will not condone its continued illegal occupation of Northern Cyprus and the internationally condemned blockade of U.S. humanitarian assistance to Armenia. We should not allow humanitarian assistance to be used as a political weapon while innocent victims are deprived of food, fuel, and medical supplies, whether it be in the wake of a natural disaster or armed aggression.

I also supported Mr. RADANOVICH's amendment to withhold a small portion of aid to Turkey until the government acknowledges the Armenian genocide. We cannot ignore the atrocities that the Armenian people suffered between 1925 and 1923 or the continued denial of this horrible chapter in history. The victims of this holocaust, as well as the survivors and their families, deserve the recognition of this crime against humanity.

As I stated earlier, I remain concerned about several provisions in the bill. I offered an amendment with my colleague, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, to prohibit funding of E-IMET for Indonesia. The Indonesian Government continues to commit egregious human

rights abuses against the people of east Timor, and, indeed, incidents of abuse by the Indonesia military increased over the past year, according to the State Department. While I am disappointed that this amendment did not pass, I urge my colleagues to continue to pressure the Indonesian government to adhere to international human rights standards and to hold Indonesia accountable for its human rights record.

Overall, this bill provides \$11.9 billion for foreign aid operations, a cut of \$460 million from last year's level of funding. I believe it is in the best interest of the U.S. to maintain a strong presence abroad. This legislation supports our commitment to the international community while addressing the fiscal realities we face here at home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN OIL
SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996. H.R. 3107 is a good bill that will impose sanctions on those who provide Iran and Libya with the ability to acquire or create weapons of mass destruction.

Iran and Libya continue to pose a serious threat to the Middle East Peace process and to the security of nations around the world. Both nations continue to sponsor international terrorism and operate to disrupt world stability. They have shown complete disregard for the value of human life with the downing of Pan Am Flight 103, the Berlin disco bombing in 1985, the seizure of U.S. hostages in Tehran and their continued sponsorship of international terrorists.

Since these nations refuse to cooperate with the rest of the world on peace initiatives, the United States must take steps to prevent these nations from earning the money they need to sponsor further international terrorism. The best way to do this is to convince Iran and Libya's creditors and trading partners not to transact business with them. This will put pressure on these terrorist countries to reform their policies. The United States needs to take the lead and take decisive action today and if we fail to do so, we are bound to see the loss of more innocent lives around the world.

I urge each of my colleagues to support H.R. 3107.

JUNE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MONTH

HON. SCOTT L. KLUG

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, since June is Science and Technology Month, it is appropriate that we honor the 25th anniversary of the Association for Women in Science [AWIS]. This association is the largest multidisciplinary

science organization for women in the United States. Founded in 1971, it has grown to 74 chapters with nearly 6,000 members nationwide.

AWIS is committed to achieving equity and full participation of women in all areas of science and technology. Serving as a national voice, the association has been recognized for its leadership and has made a lasting impact on the accessibility of science and engineering education and careers to women.

A high priority of AWIS is diversity in the broadest definition, including race and ethnicity, workplace, education level and discipline. The scope of this diversity is reflected in its membership. Disciplines include natural sciences, from agronomy to engineering, and social sciences, from anthropology to psychology. Nearly 60 percent of AWIS members hold a Ph.D. In addition, more than 50 percent are involved with academic institutions. The remainder work in industry or government.

AWIS has also been instrumental in nominating women who were subsequently appointed to the National Science Board and the President's Committee on Science and Technology. Members have also received several prestigious national awards such as the National Medal of Science. I would especially like to commend the president of AWIS, Jaleh Daie, a professor at the University of Wisconsin. She was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Network of Women in Technology International.

In 1996, AWIS celebrates 25 years of service and commitment to equity, leadership training, diversity, and to supporting women in their career advancement. I am pleased to honor this important organization which is committed to a strong and diverse science and education enterprise.

SGT. CHARLES KOHRHERR HON-
ORED FOR SERVICE TO HIS
COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Sgt. Charles Kohrher, a courageous individual who has served the Nation in time of war and whose bravery has helped protect Union City from crime for many years. His selfless dedication to public service has made him a model of excellence in law enforcement and an ambassador of goodwill throughout the community.

In 1967, Sgt. Kohrher began his career enlisting in the U.S. Army. From 1968 to 1969, he was assigned to the 1st Aviation Brigade, 61st Helicopter Company, while serving in Vietnam. Before being honorably discharged from the Army in 1970, he amassed an outstanding service record, including 11 air medal awards, the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, a Unit Citation and the Air Crewman Badge of Courage.

Following his military service, he joined the Union City Police Department in 1971. By 1972, he was made a detective and assigned to the Narcotics Unit. Then in 1974, while

serving as a narcotics officer, he was shot and his partner was killed while apprehending an escapee from a Florida chain gang. Despite this enormous tragedy, Sgt. Kohrher found the courage to continue his law enforcement career and to serve with the Narcotics Unit until 1976. After serving several more years in various departmental units such as the Motorcycle Division and Uniform Patrol, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he completed his law enforcement career.

Sgt. Kohrher's career exemplifies the true meaning of valor and achievement. For his service as a law enforcement officer, he was awarded the New Jersey State Medal of Honor, the State P.B.A. Valor Award, four meritorious service awards, and the Knights of Columbus Policeman of the Year Award. Aside from being a highly decorated and respected officer, Sgt. Kohrher has for many years put his life on the line for the protection and safety of others. It is therefore fitting to say that Sgt. Charles Kohrher is truly one of New Jersey's finest.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Sgt. Charles Kohrher, a special individual who has devoted himself to serving his country and community with honor and dignity. I applaud the dedication of such a remarkable man and an exceptional law enforcement official.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BRAGG

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30-year career of a great statesman, Tennessee State Representative John Bragg. Upon his retirement, I would like to recognize his outstanding achievements, honors, and successes, both personally and for the State of Tennessee.

Serving as the House Finance chairman for 22 years, Mr. Bragg established an ethical foundation of admirable weight. He subsequently made significant changes in the State legislative process. For these measures, he was awarded the title chairman emeritus.

In addition, he was a stronghold in the creation of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. As such, Tennessee is considered one of the best managed States in the country, with regard to public pension plans.

Mr. Bragg hails from Murfreesboro, TN, and his loyalty has never swayed. He has represented the city and Rutherford County throughout his entire three decades in politics. During that time, he boosted Middle Tennessee State University to a premier educational institution within the State. He secured the funds to build three multimillion dollar complexes for the school: the mass communications building, the Tennessee Livestock Center, and a \$31.7 million library.

Joining Mr. Bragg at his retirement ceremony were colleagues, friends, and family. He attributed most of his accomplishments to their support; and similarly, his desire to care for those he loves extends to his fellow citizens. I ask that we recognize John Bragg for his endless dedication, his honorable values, and his compassion for Tennessee.