

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.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT
FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO-
GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
1997

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

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 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. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Chairman, on June 11, I voted in favor of H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill.

I believe that this legislation contains some very important measures that will strengthen America's position in the world, offer critical help to allies, and bolster the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act approved by this House earlier.

I remain troubled, however, by several measures in this bill, including the continued restrictions on international family planning, the funding of expanded IMET for Indonesia, and by the reductions in development aid to some of the poorest nations in the world.

We face a critically important stage in securing peace in the Middle East. Through hard work and commitment we have achieved much in recent years. There is much left to achieve before the people of the Middle East enjoy a true and lasting peace. H.R. 3540 allows us to build on the achievements in peace that we have already secured by giving economic and military aid to our allies, Egypt and Israel. At this important juncture in the peace process, it is important for us to reaffirm our commitment to our allies and to the peace process to which we must remain committed.

The bill also makes important steps forward in our commitment to child survival. I applaud the creation of this distinct account, with it focused mission and spending. These are some of the most important funds provided under the bill. This account will make a real difference in the lives of millions of children, and help struggling nations build more secure futures.

I was very pleased to see the House adopt two very important amendments that reaffirm our commitment to Armenia. As an original cosponsor of the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act I am pleased to see this important, principled measure strengthened. This strengthening is needed because the measure, approved by Congress last year, was waived by the President. Congress is sending an unmistakable message to the Government of Turkey that its continued illegal occupation of Cypress and its unpardonable blockade of Armenia are criminal and must cease.

As well, I am pleased that the House passed Mr. Radanovich's amendment which withholds a portion of United States aid to Turkey until that government acknowledges the Armenian genocide. History shows us that the horrors of the past can not be forgotten. That when we allow denial and distortion to replace truth, we all reduced, and the security of the future is undermined.

I commend my colleague, Mr. OBEY, for his amendment which sets the stage for greater additional support to the War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague. As the author of a resolution affirming support for the War Crimes Tribunal I am gratified to see us stand behind this institution with the kind of support that will make a real difference in helping the tribunal successfully fulfill its mission.

I firmly believe that the tribunal is engaged in one of the most important tasks under way today. The tribunal is dedicated to bringing to justice those who have committed crimes of such horror that we barely fathom their enormity. The tribunal will bring an end to the centuries of violence and retribution. It is this cycle of lawlessness that is the breeding ground of conflict and of war. If we can break this cycle, if we subdue the instinct of revenge, we can build a more secure future where peace will be possible.

While this bill makes several important strides forward in the advancing the cause of protecting human rights, I remain deeply troubled by the House's unwillingness to revoke IMET to Indonesia. I was honored to join my colleague from Massachusetts, Mr. FRANK, in introducing an amendment that would cut off IMET to Indonesia. I am a supporter of IMET, but this is the wrong time and the wrong place for IMET.

Finally, I want to express my reservations over the reductions in aid to some of the world's poorest nations. We face very serious budget challenges that require us to make difficult choices, and many programs which mean a great deal to my constituents are being cut and they are suffering. We must, however, continue to recognize our responsibility as citizens of this planet. We are a great and wealthy nation. We are a shining example that free people all over the world look to. Assisting those who are struggling is one of the duties of leadership.

Contrary to what many think, this aid is, and always has been, a modest part of our budget and we realize a good return on this investment. A little aid can go a long way in building democracies and free economies, and when these achievements have been secured, we live in a richer and more stable world.

In the current budget environment, we must spend our limited resources very carefully. We face serious and very pressing problems here at home, and we are not able to spend all we should on these. It is in light of these challenges that I support the bill before us. It will make America stronger.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD J.
BOXER

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to one of Milwaukee County's truly outstanding citizens, Dr. Richard J. Boxer. As the Lubavitch House of Wisconsin prepares to honor Dr. Boxer for his multitude of contributions to our community, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of this great man.

Dr. Boxer, or Rick, as he prefers to be known, has been nationally recognized for his

countless number of contributions to American medicine. Rick is the only member of the board of advisors to the Health Policy Institute at both the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin. He has authored 435 scientific articles, chapters, and a book and has lectured throughout the world. Rick is the former chairman of the surgery department at both Sinai-Samaritan and St. Michael Hospitals in Milwaukee. Rick was voted by his peers the best urologist in Milwaukee in three separate surveys by Milwaukee Magazine in 1987, 1991, and 1996. Rick further serves as the medical director of the Bernard and Helen Soref Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Gordon Henke Cancer Foundation. In addition, he is a professor in the Health Policy Institute and in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

President Clinton recognized Rick's capabilities in 1995 when he appointed him to the National Cancer Advisory Board and the National Institutes of Health. In 1996, Rick broke new international ground when he led the first physicians' mission to Israel. In addition to his professional associations, Rick selflessly devotes his personal time to numerous philanthropic organizations including the Milwaukee's Jewish Federation, the Milwaukee Jewish Council, the Wisconsin State of Israel Bonds, the Milwaukee Jewish Home and Care Center, the Weizmann Institute, and the Friends of Lubavitch.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Wisconsin Friends of Lubavitch on its excellent selection of Dr. Richard Boxer as this year's honored guest, and I wish Rick, his wife Barbara, and their loving children continued success in all of their endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CAPITAL
COMMITMENT

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a dynamic local organization which has brought telecommunications training and knowledge to the economically disadvantaged of the Washington area. Capital Commitment, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. And, through its fine work, 424 disadvantaged students have graduated from programs which have prepared them for well paying jobs in telephone installation, maintenance, and repair.

Capital Commitment was born from a vision held by Ernest and La Verne Boykin who recognized in June 1991 that the telecommunications industry in which they had worked for so many years had few minorities. They also witnessed increased violence in their Washington neighborhood and had the compassion to ask themselves what they could do to help these young people bring focus to their lives. The answer to Ernest and La Verne was to leave their jobs at high technology telecommunications companies to set up Capital Commitment.

In the fall of 1991, they formed partnerships with the DC public schools, Ballou STAY and Northern Telecom [Nortel], a world leader in designing, engineering, building, and maintaining digital networks. By January 1992, they