

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 PRO-
GRAMS 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