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104TH CONGRESS

2D SESSION H. CON. RES. 189 Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of United States membership in regional South Pacific organizations.
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 1996 Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. BER- MAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred

to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the impor-

tance of United States membership in regional South Pacific organizations. Whereas the United States and the South Pacific region

enjoy a close and historic partnership built on a strong

foundation of shared values and an unshakable commit- ment to democracy, development, and human rights; Whereas the island countries of the Pacific, together with New Zealand and Australia, share many of the global ob-

jectives of the United States, including the nonprolifera-
tion of nuclear weapons, unique ecosystems, and sustain-

able economic development consistent with good resource management practices; and

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Whereas the United States is a member of the regional eco-

nomic and social development body, the South Pacific Commission, the regional environmental body, the South Pacific Regional Environment Program, as well as being
a dialogue partner for the regional political body, the South Pacific Forum: Now, therefore, be it
1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate

2 concurring), That the Congress—
3 (1) recognizes the traditional and close ties be-

4 tween the United States and the South Pacific re-
5 gion and reaffirms the value of these ties;
6 (2) notes the need to continue to support the

7 efforts of the countries of the region to enhance the
8 sustainable development of the more fragile island

9 economies and their integration into the regional
10 economy, while helping to ensure the protection of
11 the unique ecosystems of the region;
12 (3) commends the South Pacific Commission

13 for the process of managerial and organizational re-

14 form currently being undertaken, and recognizes the
15 important role the United States financial contribu-
16 tion to, and participation in, the organization makes

17 in assisting it to realize the gradual economic self-
18 sufficiency to all members of the organization; and
19 (4) reaffirms the commitment of the United

20 States as a member of the South Pacific Commis-
21 sion and the South Pacific Regional Environment

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1 Programme, and the post-forum dialogue partner-
2 ship of the United States with the South Pacific
3 Forum.
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