

ROTARY CLUB OF ORMOND BEACH
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach celebrated their 50th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Ormond Beach, comprised of business and professional leaders who practice ethical standards in relationships in the community, is a dedicated and respected member of the large international humanitarian service organization. The members of the Rotary Club of Ormond Beach dedicate their time, skills, expertise and other resources to help improve the lives of others in developing countries by supporting the Rotary Foundation, helping to bring families together through its participation in the Children's Grief Center, and providing the youth of our community with six academic scholarships annually through the Darcy Akers Scholarship fund.

It is an asset to Ormond Beach to have a group of men and women who consistently promote truth, fairness, and try to improve relations among citizens in the community. The Rotary Club of Ormond Beach provides friendship and fellowship to its members and visiting Rotarians and are some of the most active local citizens motivating and influencing community leaders through their efforts. The Rotarians of Ormond Beach are true citizens of the World and exemplify the motto "Service Above Self."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Rotary club of Ormond Beach on its 50th Anniversary and commend each of its members for their tireless commitment to their local community.

HONORING JACOB J. MARKS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacob J. Marks, a distinguished citizen of Pembroke Pines, FL who proudly served his nation and his community. Mr. Marks, who unfortunately passed away on April 21, 2001, was an inspiring leader who left a legacy of diligence and devotion for his entire community.

Born in 1921 in Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Marks was raised and educated in Pittsburgh. He attended the University of Pittsburgh where he met his wife, Harriet. In 1941, Mr. Marks joined the U.S. Marines and courageously served his country until the end of World War II. He fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima and was there when the United States flag was raised on Mount Suribachi. He was always proud to say that the official flag was raised only ten feet from his foxhole. Following his military service, Mr. Marks worked as a draftsman at Blaw Knox, a Pittsburgh engineering company where he remained until he moved to Pembroke Pines, FL in 1984.

After moving to Florida, Mr. Marks became involved in numerous civic and community organizations. Residents immediately recognized

the value of his enthusiasm for and commitment to his community; characteristics which made him a natural leader. Loyal and responsive to the needs of his fellow veterans, Mr. Marks served as the Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Post 177. As treasurer of Pembroke Pines Concerned Citizens, Mr. Marks worked diligently on numerous issues affecting the well being of his community. In his position as Director Emeritus of the Pembroke Pines Democratic Club, he was active in voter registration and community organizing. In addition, he was recently elected as the vice chairman emeritus of the Century Pines Jewish Center Board of Trustees. Always combining his energy with his compassion, he participated in annual charity events such as walkathons to raise money for medical research and disease awareness.

In sum, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Marks was a wonderfully caring man whose energetic devotion to Pembroke Pines made him a true community leader. While we mourn his passing, Mr. Marks' legacy of community enrichment will be treasured by current and future generations of Pembroke Pines.

HONORING MRS. JANE B.
GARRISON

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman from my district whose hard work and leadership are rivaled by only a few. This woman, Mrs. Jane B. Garrison, has dedicated the past eight years to the Safe Kids of Savannah Coalition and to the prevention of unintentional injury to children, the number one killer of children. Her hard work has, indeed, made my hometown, Savannah, Georgia, a safer place for children.

Working as the Coalition's Coordinator, Jane Garrison has made Safe Kids of Savannah a truly successful organization. She has been the driving force behind its many charities and functions. Because of Mrs. Garrison, Safe Kids of Savannah has been given many awards, including the 1994 Outstanding Health Promotion Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the 1995 SAFE KIDS of Georgia Coalition of the Year and the 1996 Outstanding Coalition of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign.

Mrs. Garrison has quietly been an outstanding supporter of protecting and promoting the welfare of children in Savannah since she moved there in 1985. Her other achievements include: the establishment of Boy Scout Troop #57 on Skidaway Island; Chairman of Lifeline of Children, Inc. (a volunteer group that works with the Chatham County DFCS Department to prevent child abuse and neglect); most recent former Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Chatham County DFCS; and recipient of the Richard A. Schieber, MD Award for 2001 from SAFE KIDS of Georgia, as an outstanding SAFE KIDS Coordinator.

I think it is only fitting, Mr. Speaker, to add a prayer for the children in honor of Mrs. Garrison's hard work and the SAFE KIDS of Savannah's 10th Anniversary Celebration. This prayer, taken from the SAFE KIDS of Savannah Coalition's 1999-2000 Annual Report,

was adapted from Ina J. Hughes by the Children's Defense Fund. It is entitled, Lest We Forget: A Prayer of Responsibility for Children
WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who never get dessert,
Who do not have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures are not on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who throw tantrums in the grocery store
and pick at their food,
Who squirm in church and scream in the phone,

Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and
whose smiles can make us cry.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who are not spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,

Who live and move, but have no being

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Who want to be carried, and for those who must,

For those we never give up on and for those
who do not get a second chance,

For those we smother . . .
And for those who will grab the hand of anybody
kind enough to offer it.

WE PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN, O GOD

May we, ourselves, be an answer to prayer.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to speak on behalf of a loyal servant of God; a woman whose efforts keep children alive and healthy. Thank you for your dedication Mrs. Garrison, you keep children's dreams alive. God bless these children and Mrs. Jane Garrison for helping them.

HONORING DR. TJ OWENS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Dr. TJ Owens, Vice President of Student Services, who is retiring this month after 10 years of service to the students of Gavilan Community College in Gilroy, CA. Dr. Owens will be much missed by the students, faculty and administration of Gavilan College.

Dr. TJ Owens began his career as a teacher in Barstow, California, after earning his degree from Fresno State. Upon completion of his Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance Education, he served as the Assistant Dean and then the Dean of Student Services at San Jose City College, which is when I first met him. He became the Vice President of Student Services at Gavilan Community College in 1981.

Dr. Owens' commitment to the community, and to education, runs deep: he is a board member of the Gilroy Unified School District and the Gilroy Gang Task Force. He also chairs the Charles, Sr. and Ernestine Williams Foundation. He belongs to the Association of California Community College Administrators, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, and the California Community College Chief Student Services Association.

I want to thank Dr. TJ Owens for his friendship, and for his dedication to Gilroy and to

Gavilan College, and to wish him all the best in the next phase of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE PIZZA
FACTORY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fowler Pizza Factory for being named Business of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to the Pizza Factory at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Tim and Denise Hamblet are the proprietors of the Fowler Pizza Factory. From 1986 until 1998 the Hamblets owned and operated a heavy equipment business in San Bernardino. Denise also worked for several car dealerships during that time. A Hamblet family friend, who had bought the Pizza Factory in Firebaugh, persuaded the couple to look into the Fowler franchise. The couple liked the Pizza Factory and decided to buy the restaurant and relocate.

Since the fall of 1998, the Hamblets have developed the Fowler restaurant into the fourth-rated franchise out of about 100 in the entire chain.

Tim has served on the Fowler Planning Commission. Denise has plans to become involved in various community activities in Fowler. Both are originally from Southern California. They were married in 1973 and have 3 children.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Fowler Pizza Factory for their Business of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Hamblet family and Fowler Pizza Factory many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO HERBERT PUNDIK

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mr. Herbert Pundik—a man who has dedicated his life to promoting greater understanding and tolerance between people of different cultures, especially the Palestinians and the Israelis. His commitment to humanism and his many commentaries have had a great influence in both his native Denmark and his adopted Israel.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pundik was only 16 years old when he himself was a victim of intolerance and racism. Born September 23, 1927, in Copenhagen, Mr. Pundik was brought up in a Jewish family, and he was only 12 years old when the Nazis invaded Denmark on April 9, 1940. Initially the occupation did not bring much change to lives of the Danish Jews as the Danish government and the Danish laws remained in effect until August 29, 1943, ensuring, among other things, that no Jew in Denmark ever had to wear the yellow star.

On October 1, 1943, the Nazis decided to round up all the Danish Jews and deport them

to concentration camps. Fortunately, G.F. Duckwitz, a German diplomat with contacts among the Danish Social Democrats, tipped off the leading Danish Social Democrat, Hans Hedtoft, regarding the deportation. Hedtoft quickly alerted the Jewish community, and a spontaneous and courageous rescue action developed among Danes. During the evacuation Mr. Pundik and his family, along with most other Danish Jews, were transported by fishing vessel to neutral Sweden. In 1945 Mr. Pundik joined the Danish voluntary forces in Sweden (Den Danske Brigade), and when Denmark was liberated in May of that year, he returned to Denmark to complete his high school education.

Mr. Speaker, Herbert Pundik recently wrote a book published in November 1998 about the incidents surrounding the great rescue of the Danish Jews—In Denmark it Could Not Happen. I urge all my colleagues to read this book to learn the details of how the Danish population courageously committed themselves to common human decency and saved virtually their entire Jewish community.

Mr. Pundik later went to Israel, where he was a member of the Israeli voluntary forces from 1948–49 when Israel fought its war of independence. He returned briefly to Denmark and married Susie Ginzborg in 1951. In 1954 they immigrated to Israel where they raised their three children. Their oldest son was killed as a soldier in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Another son was one of the two Israelis who initiated the Oslo peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Professionally Mr. Pundik pursued a career as a journalist. He was a co-founder and editor of the Danish periodical Israel, and through the years he has worked at both Danish and Israeli newspapers covering major international crises such as the Vietnam War, the Kashmir conflict, and the Middle East struggle. In 1963 he began working as an international correspondent for one of the largest Danish newspapers Politiken and in 1967 he became a permanent employee. Three years later he was promoted to editor-in-chief. Under terms of a unique agreement, Mr. Pundik managed Politiken for 23 years, commuting forth and back between Denmark and Israel each month and spending roughly three weeks in Copenhagen and one week in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pundik's dedication to human rights and tolerance has earned him many prizes—among those are honorary citizenship of Latvia in 1991 because he was the first person to suggest that Denmark send a cultural representative to Latvia, even though the country was then technically a part of the Soviet Union. In 1993 Mr. Pundik retired from his position as editor-in-chief of Politiken, but he has continued his humanitarian efforts. He is a member on the board of Politiken, the coordinator for the International Alliance for Arab-Israel Peace and a member on the board of directors of Humanity in Action, an exchange student program with participants from the U.S., the Netherlands, and Denmark.

Mr. Speaker, often in today's world too much attention is focused on the violent aspects of society. Today however, we have the opportunity to pay tribute to an extraordinary man who is a consistent and eloquent advocate for peace and tolerance. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Herbert Pundik.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF
RABBI MARVIN BASH

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of the retirement of Rabbi Marvin Bash to extend my sincere thanks to him for his service to the Eighth District of Virginia. For more than thirty-five years, Rabbi Bash devoted himself to the Arlington-Fairfax Jewish Congregation as Arlington's only congregational rabbi, making him the longest serving active congregational rabbi in the Metropolitan Washington area. As a community leader and activist, he led his community in a fight for civil rights, support for Israel, Jewish education, and tolerance. He taught our children, cared for our sick and elderly, and served as an example of moral leadership to all of us. I am honored to be a part of this celebration of his service. I send Rabbi Bash warm wishes for a blessed retirement and hope that his time as Rabbi Emeritus will be filled with the return of the love and support he has given his community.

NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE
COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROGRAM

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, this week I had the honor of participating in the Annual Volunteer Service Recognition Program held at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. The event was held to thank and acknowledge departments and residents commands at NAS Jacksonville for the volunteer work their personnel gave to the local community this past year.

The NAS Jacksonville community service program falls under the larger Navy Community Service Program. The NCS program was developed by the Chief of Staff of the Navy in 1992 to expand the role of Navy military and civilian personnel by encouraging community service projects and partnerships that strengthen the academic and personal growth of local youth.

During calendar year 2000, military and civilian personnel of NAS Jacksonville contributed 434,457 hours of volunteer service to the Jacksonville community. As recently as last year, the House Armed Services Committee discussed a certain disconnect that has developed between American society and the United States military. The NCS program was designed to break down those barriers and enable military and civilian military personnel to interact with their local communities in constructive ways.

The Jacksonville community is a wonderful example of a strong partnership between the United States armed forces and their neighbors. The military and civilian personnel at NAS Jacksonville wholeheartedly embraced the opportunity to build a sense of community between themselves and the Jacksonville community.