

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

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

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 at 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

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

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.