

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF LOIS  
ROCKHILL

## HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the long and distinguished career of a true community leader in east central Indiana. After more than two decades in service to those within our community who need a helping hand, Lois Rockhill will be retiring as the executive director of the Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana.

Before coming to Indiana, Lois had already distinguished herself while serving in Turkey as a member of the Peace Corps. When she came to Second Harvest in 1989, the organization had distributed 450,000 pounds of food to those in need. Under her leadership, that amount has grown to more than 9.5 million pounds of food this past year, which exceeded their goal for 2011.

The Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana is now the region's largest charity dedicated to alleviating hunger. Each year, the organization provides food assistance to more than 69,000 low-income Hoosiers facing hunger. That includes nearly 31,000 children and more than 5,000 senior citizens.

The leadership Lois has shown over the last 23 years will be sorely missed, but I am confident that the proud legacy she built at Second Harvest will continue. And though her retirement plans include spending more time with her grandchildren and traveling with her beloved husband Erv, Lois will always be a voice for those in our community who are less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, Lois Rockhill dedicated her career to serving the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens. Her career at Second Harvest and tireless advocacy for those in need will long be remembered as a blessing to Eastern Indiana.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2012*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 3992, the E-2 Nonimmigrant Visas for Israeli Nationals. Had I been able to I would have cast an "aye" vote in favor of the legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. GEORGE  
RAZ AUTRY JR.

## HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2012*

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Raz Autry, Jr., a proud veteran, a defender of education and a dedicated, lifelong contributor to the great State of North Carolina.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps out of High School, Mr. Autry honorably served our country in World War II. Upon his return, he attended East Carolina Teachers College where he served as Student Body President. Raz married his wife Ireni Toumaras Autry in 1951.

Mr. Autry then moved to my home county of Montgomery County, North Carolina, and helped open East Montgomery High School, my alma mater. Mr. Autry found further opportunity in Hoke County in 1967, where he became Hoke High School Principal and later School Superintendent. He continues his life of service today in Hoke County as a peach farmer, author, columnist, speaker, auctioneer and respected community leader.

An ambassador for education in North Carolina for more than 45 years, Mr. Autry has served in a multitude of prominent and important roles in support of youth, farmers and our community as a whole. Mr. Autry's impact on North Carolina will last for generations. His selfless service has inspired countless others, including myself. Mr. Autry has led through both example and instruction, and continues to serve as inspiration to all of us who know him. I was honored to nominate Mr. Autry for The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest order that can be bestowed in our State of North Carolina. Raz received that recognition recently, and he is certainly deserving of such a distinction.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and work of my friend, a mentor, and my former High School principal, Mr. Raz Autry. Let us thank him for his life of continued service to the future of our Nation.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unfortunately delayed by a meeting and was unable to cast a vote on rollcall 111 on the evening of March 19, 2012. I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3992—"To allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 nonimmigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status in Israel."

COMMENDING THE 2012 SUBURBAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SERVICE  
AWARD

## HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2012*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the honorees of the 2012 Suburban Chamber of Commerce Service Awards. The Chamber is an accomplished partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and improve the quality of life in our communities. The Chamber, which represents the communities of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, brings people together who live or work in the area and who want to better their community. I congratulate the 2012 honorees for "Tying the Communities Together."

President's Award—The Honorable Jordan Glatt, Former Mayor of Summit, New Jersey.

Beautification Award—McGrath's Hardware, New Providence, NJ.

Business of the Year—Investors Bank.

Public Service Award—The Honorable Jon Bramnick, Minority Leader in the New Jersey State Assembly.

Public Service Organization—The Summit Area YMCA.

Silver Service Award—Karen Olson, Family Promise.

I thank these public servants and organizations for their tremendous public service.

CELEBRATING THE DISTINGUISHED  
CAREER OF CURTIS  
MEEDER

## HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2012*

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a skilled engineer, devoted public servant and faithful patriot, on a distinguished 33-year career with the Army Corps of Engineers.

On March 31st, 2012, Curtis Meeder will retire from the Corps to begin a new chapter in his life. Since 1979, he has used his extensive knowledge of economics and water resources management to improve the navigability of our Nation's waterways, to aid in disaster relief efforts and to reduce the risk of flooding in our local communities.

Curt began his career with the Corps in the Detroit District as an economist and water resources planner. From there, he went on to work as a study coordinator and technical reviewer in the North Central Division for 5 years, and then as a supervisor in the St. Paul District for 6 years.

Since moving to Pennsylvania in 1988 to work out of the Pittsburgh District, Curt has taken leadership roles in a number of projects

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