urban education have appeared in national and local journals. Two of his recent publications are ''Do You Know If Your Child Has a Credit Card,'' in the New York Times and ''Handling Cultural Diversification Efforts of College Campuses,'' in the Journal of Mediation.

Dr. Witherspoon was a member of the Board of the Queens Children's Psychiatric Center. He has also served on many boards that include childcare, teen pregnancy, and community mental health.

Dr. Witherspoon was selected as a participant in the 23rd Annual Session of the Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management, Class of 1992.

Dr. Witherspoon has participated in conferences held on ''International Perspectives: Crime, Justice and Public Order'' in Russia, Ireland, Turkey, Italy, England, Hungary and most recently Romania. He was involved in the establishment of a branch campus in Puerto Rico that has awarded 4,400 Associates Degrees to police cadets and currently a program for New York City Police Officers to teach cultural diversity and leadership.

Dr. Witherspoon has been involved at national and local levels consulting on issues of urban education and social work, with a focus on urban minorities. His visits to South Africa, Ireland, Dominican Republic, Namibia, Turkey, South Korea, Slovenia, England, Guyana. Jamaica, and throughout the Caribbean have only increased his awareness of International Education and Criminal Justice.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Roger Witherspoon's continued his commitment to higher education and social development have made him more than worthy of our recognition today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, because participating in events connected to the ongoing meeting of Western Governors in Colorado, I was unable to be present for two votes on Monday, June 13, 2005.

If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

On S. 643, to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs, I would have voted ''yes.''

On H.R. 2326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 614 West Old County Road in Belhaven, North Carolina, as the ''Floyd Lupton Post Office,'' I would have voted ''yes.''

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LIZ KOVACH, FOR HER 50 YEAR COMMITMENT TO PORT COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the tremendous achievement of Liz Kovach, a successfull and respected employee at the Port Columbus International Airport. As an ambassador to the Airport Authority and Columbus, Ohio she has represented Eastern Airlines, Continental Airlines and America West for half a century with first class style.

Mrs. Kovach began her career at Port Columbus exactly 50 years ago today working for Eastern Airlines at the old terminal on Fifth Avenue. In late 1990, when Eastern Airlines declared bankruptcy, Liz's diligence and dedication were greatly appreciated when she assisted with the liquidation of the airline's assets before being hired by Continental Airlines in April of 1991. Her career again took off in November of 1992 when she accepted a new position with America West. Her effervescent character and strong intellect were recognized in 1993, as she was honored by America West as the Best of the Best Employees. She was one of only two customer service representatives to receive the honor out of 10,000 employees.

In Liz's 50 year commitment to Port Columbus, she has been witness to the transformation of the airline industry. She has seen the airport rise to ''international status,'' its entrance into the Jet age, concourse and runway expansion, and the completion of the new state-of-the-art control tower.

Mrs. Kovach, respectively known as ''Mama Liz,'' is revered by her colleagues as someone you can always count on for a smile and kind words. She has been described as an irreplaceable talent to the customer service team. In addition to her noted superior work ethic and admirable character, she has been very active with the Columbus Zoo. Through her perseverance, she negotiated the travel of rare animals by plane to be brought to the zoo.

I am grateful for the time, commitment and grace Liz has given to Port Columbus International Airort and her community. She exemplifies what public service and professionalism are all about.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER J. McCURN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander J. McCurn of Kansas City, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander J. McCurn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER FLYNN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jennifer Flynn. For close to two years, Jennifer Flynn ended her workday by standing for six hours in front of New York City's largest welfare center. She and other activists took their place on the sidewalk whether it rained or snowed to protest the lack of legally mandated emergency housing for homeless people living with AIDS.

Ms. Flynn is one of 10 outstanding individuals from across the country chosen to receive this year's Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program award.

The unusual strategy, combined with litigation and public education, resulted in the City being found in contempt of a court order—and insured that nearly every homeless New Yorker living with AIDS who needed emergency housing received it.

Ms. Flynn didn't stop there. She went on to co-found and direct the New York City AIDS Housng Network (NYCAHN), which has seen to it that housing is provided to every single New Yorker with HIV/AIDS who requests shelter.

HIV has hit low-income people of color harder than any other demographic group in New York City. A full 92 percent of New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS are from communities of color.

Of Ms. Flynn, Christine Quinn, Councilmember for the 3rd District says: ''Jennifer Flynn has managed to be a constant activist for the rights of homeless and low-income people living with HIV/AIDS, while building an organization in this time of financial hardship. She is fearless in her advocacy.''

Teaching people with HIV/AIDS to advocate on their own behalf has been key to Ms. Flynn's success. In fact, NYCAHN is a membership organization led by people living with HIV/AIDS. She has trained more than 1,000 of NYCAHN's members in community organizing and advocacy.

Recently, she and her staff pressured the New York City Council to release a report about its emergency housing system. NYCAHN's efforts led to the introduction of the first bill in U.S. history that insures permanent housing for people living with AIDS/HIV. She has also exposed the dangerous conditions that exist in illegal rooming houses the City was using to house formerly incarcerated people with AIDS/HIV.

One woman who works at NYCAHN and finds shelter for people living with HIV/AIDS every day says, ''We are all willing to do this grueling work because we know that Jennifer is working 10 times harder all of the time. She is there fighting with her heart to make sure that we have access to housing and to our human rights.''

The Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program distributes $1.2 million each year o innovators who have creatively surmounted obstacles to meet the challenges of providing health care and social services to the underserved members of their communities. Ms. Flynn and this year's other winners will be honored at a June event in Washington, D.C. She will receive $105,000 to