

Mr. Speaker, Palmer Franklin Smith was a dedicated student and educator that made learning a passion in his life. He was a committed patron of the arts and active member of his Alamosa community. I am honored to recognize the life of such a devoted community servant before this body of Congress and this nation. My thoughts and prayers go out to Palmer's family and friends during this time of bereavement.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AWARENESS DAY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the first ever "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day." This day, made official by Senate Resolution 370, will serve as an important tool in furthering the national education campaign about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, also known as AD/HD.

Although AD/HD can affect people across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines, poor and minority communities have been especially underserved by the available resources. The disorder can interfere with school and workplace activities, lead to antisocial behavior, and even substance abuse and problems with the justice system. It is only recently that AD/HD has received national attention, so there are still many children and adults who remain undiagnosed and suffering from the stigma associated with this disorder.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), a national non-profit organization, was founded in 1987 to increase awareness and offer resources and encouragement to those suffering from the disorder and their family members. Recently CHADD has expanded into Santa Cruz County with the creation of Chapter #605, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to our community. Only through education and understanding can we, as a nation, begin to address the effects of this disorder and seek ways to treat it.

It is important to realize the effect AD/HD can have on individuals and communities, and I would like to commend the efforts of CHADD Chapter #605 in their goal of expanding understanding of this disorder. Through combining grassroots campaigns with the new "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day" we can begin to address this problem on both a local and national level.

DUDLEY DEZONIA—30TH ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENT OF ROYAL TRUCK BODY

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, let us celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit in America by recognizing a deserving and generous member of the community—Mr.

Dudley DeZonia, who has successfully been at the helm for 30 years as President of Royal Truck Body.

Businesses like Royal Truck Body are the backbone of this country and they are an enduring symbol of the American Dream. The approximately 23 million businesses of the size and scale of companies like ROYAL in the United States employ more than half of the country's private work force, create three of every four new jobs, and generate most of America's innovations.

For example, 30 years ago in my district, Mr. DeZonia had a dream to lead a truck body business in the City of Paramount, California. His long-term vision for Royal Truck Body was and still is to deliver top-quality products at competitive prices, which has enabled the "ROYAL" trademark to become the recognized leader and largest service body company in the Western United States.

Royal Truck Body has a 5,000-square-foot design studio and 145,000 square feet of manufacturing and warehousing space. ROYAL pushes this space even further with an additional 40,000 sq. ft. at its satellite locations in Phoenix, Arizona; Dallas, Texas; and Sacramento, California.

Royal Truck Body has had a continuing pattern of growth since its inception, and its growth recently has been at an ever-accelerating pace. In 1995, ROYAL became a bailment pool company for Chevrolet; in 1997, it became a converter pool company for both Ford and GMC; and in 2000, it added Dodge. ROYAL has also been a member of the National Truck Equipment Association since 1978.

Royal Truck Body has grown from producing four truck bodies per day to more than 35 bodies per day. ROYAL earned its ISO 9001 certification in 1999, which made it the first body manufacturer in the United States to achieve this goal. From 2001 to 2003, ROYAL was awarded General Motors Specialty Vehicle Sales Leader Award in the United States. Also, in 2002, Ford presented ROYAL with the Top Volume Pool Account Award and the Ford's Directors Award for top volume of F-Series chassis cabs.

Mr. DeZonia is a business success story, and he continues to make many contributions to the local community. He consistently donates to the local Paramount Education Partnership and to seniors at Paramount High School for college scholarships. ROYAL prides itself in its employees' successes because its employees are its family.

Today, let us honor Mr. Dudley DeZonia. By celebrating Mr. Dudley DeZonia's successes, we celebrate American enterprise. Mr. DeZonia is keeping the American Dream alive and well for future generations.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KENDALL EVANS

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize the dedication of Kendall Evans of Aspen, Colorado for his hard work and dedication in educating our youth. After

servicing nine years as the principal for Aspen High School, Kendall announced his retirement after the completion of the 2004–2005 academic year. As Kendall prepares for retirement, let it be known that I, along with the Aspen community am grateful for the commitment he has shown to educating our next generation of leaders.

Kendall started his career in education as a high school teacher thirty-one years ago. After spending much of his career positively influencing students in the classroom, he had the opportunity to have a different impact working in administration. Nine years ago, Kendall accepted the job as the principal at Aspen High School. During his tenure as principal, Kendall has led the charge to improve the quality of and access to education in the area. Following his lead, the school added accelerated classes as part of the International Baccalaureate program. His most significant achievement was to complete the forty-one million dollar renovation and expansion of the high school.

Mr. Speaker, Kendall Evans has done a remarkable job during his career at Aspen High School. As principal, he has provided tremendous leadership for the faculty, and as a teacher, he has provided insight for his students. I thank him for his commitment to education, and wish him all the best in his last year at Aspen High School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes Nos. 422 and 423. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "Aye" for both measures to name The General William Cary Lee Post Office Building, and to name The Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building, respectively.

I ask unanimous consent that my vote statement appear in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD behind the day's recorded votes.

HONORING JUDGE JIMMY MATTHEWS

**HON. LINCOLN DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, as Congress debates issues of vital importance to our Nation's education and defense, I would like to take a few minutes to say thank you to a well respected individual in the 4th District of Tennessee.

After spending over thirty plus years on the bench, as a General Sessions Part I Judge, Judge Jimmy Matthews decided to retire due to deteriorating health. Judge Matthews, a lifelong resident of Maury County, Tennessee, will be sorely missed for his wisdom, courage, and determination to effectively serve the law and all it protects.

Matthews was Maury County's first lay judge and will be its last (a lay judge does not

hold a law degree). State law now requires all new judges to hold law degrees. To hold the position of judge without a law degree, while not unheard of is admirable and further demonstrates Matthews understanding and knowledge of the law.

It has been estimated that Judge Matthews along with his counterpart have overseen as many as 20,000 cases a year. His court has the responsibility of clearing these cases in a timely and efficient manner. Not an easy task, but Judge Matthew seemed to do it time and again.

Maury County and the American judicial system will never fail to notice the work of Judge Matthews. May God Bless Judge Matthews on his new journey.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUG ADEN

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**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Doug Aden, a dedicated banker from my hometown of Grand Junction, Colorado. After thirty-four years of service to the Grand Junction community as a regional vice president for the western slope division of U.S. Bank, Doug will be retiring from a longtime career of aiding customers. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize his accomplishments.

In 1970, just one week after his college graduation. Doug began his banking career in Billings, Montana. He spent his entire life

working with various companies that are part of U.S. Bancorp, a parent company to U.S. Bank. Doug worked for the Grand Junction branch since 1990. Throughout the course of his service, Doug saw rebirth and growth of the economy across the Western Slope. In addition to his many years at the bank, Doug has served on the Colorado Transportation Commission and the Mesa County Public Library District Board of Directors, and he actively works with his church's capital campaign.

Mr. Speaker, Doug Aden is a tremendous member of the Grand Junction business community who has made customer service in his banking industry a priority. I am honored to rise before this body and recognize his many contributions to the State of Colorado. Good luck with your retirement, Doug, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

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**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, 2001, fifty police officers lost their lives in the line of duty, serving our nation with honor, courage, and a selfless commitment. Today, as we approach the third anniversary of the September 11 attacks, we still see the same noble qualities from law enforcement officers on a daily basis. Officers Jeremy Gaughan, Michael Mann, and Kevin Schreiner of the Gurnee, Illinois Police Department are three examples of such courage.

On January 27, 2003, three neighborhoods in my district fell victim to a string of crimes all carried out by the same assailant. After murdering a night school student, fleeing from a hit and run scene, and attempting to carjack a young woman's vehicle, the assailant was cornered by Gurnee Police Officer Kevin Schreiner. Officer Schreiner responded to the shots fired call, located the suspect's vehicle and attempted to pull it over.

The suspect attempted to flee behind a private residence, where he began to fire upon Officer Schreiner. Officer Schreiner could not take cover before being shot in the left arm, with the bullet exiting his left shoulder. Despite being seriously wounded, Officer Schreiner radioed for assistance and remained on the scene until Officers Michael Mann and Jeremy Gaughan could arrive. As Officers Schreiner and Mann continued to draw repeated fire from the suspect, Officer Gaughan was able to move into position, fired once, and killed the suspect.

If not for the heroic and decisive actions of these three officers, there is little doubt that this assailant would have attacked more people in my Congressional district. Their selfless commitment and courage under fire are the same qualities found in the law enforcement officers who gave their lives on September 11. I am grateful for the actions of these three men, and am pleased to announce that they will be honored at the 11th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony here in Washington, DC on September 11.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the bravery of these men and every law enforcement officer for their noble service.