

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.