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The United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD)

Mourns the Sudden Passing of Board Member Steve Taylor.

Innovator in payments accessibility and champion for inclusive point-of-sale solutions

Stafford, VA -- The United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD) is deeply saddened to announce the sudden passing of Steve Taylor, CEO of ADA Stands and a valued member of the USICD Board of Directors. Steve passed away at his home in Porterville, California, on 25 November 2025.

Steve was a pioneering force in payments technology and accessibility. Over more than two decades, he helped shape modern digital commerce and, in 2016, invented and patented the world's first ADA-compliant stand and mounting system for point-of-sale card readers, a design that remains the only patented hardware solution meeting federal ADA and PCI privacy standards. His work empowered blind, low-vision, and mobility-impaired customers to complete transactions with dignity and privacy.

In addition to his technical and regulatory expertise, Steve served on the USICD Policy Committee and was a tireless advocate for inclusive innovation. He advised government stakeholders and national disability organizations in Washington, D.C., and brought practical, solutions-focused leadership to every project he touched on. Steve was also a proud Gold Star family member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Earlier in his life, Steve pursued acting and appeared in television productions, including roles on shows such as Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman, reflecting a lifelong willingness to take on new challenges and connect with diverse audiences.

Statement from USICD Executive Director Isabel Hodge

Steve was a dear friend and a steady, brilliant partner in our work to make everyday commerce accessible to everyone. We spoke almost every day, and his passion for dignity and inclusion was evident in everything he did. We will miss his leadership, his kindness, and his unwavering commitment to people with disabilities.

We extend our deepest condolences to Steve's family, friends, and colleagues; his leadership, ingenuity, and quiet dedication to accessibility profoundly shaped our work and will be greatly missed. USICD remains committed to carrying forward the initiatives he championed and will share information about memorial arrangements and ways to honor his legacy as details become available. For media inquiries or to share a memory for a board tribute, please contact Isabel Hodge at ihodge@usicd.org.

About USICD

The United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD) advances the rights and full participation of people with disabilities through international advocacy, policy engagement, and inclusive programming. USICD works with governments, civil society, and private partners to promote accessibility, independence, and human rights.

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