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In 1995, Denny was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from DePaul University and in 1997 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Society of CPA's. In 2004 he was elected to the Accounting Hall of Fame and received the AICPA Gold Medal for distinguished service. In 2006 he was selected as one of the inaugural inductees of Financial Executives International's Hall of Fame.

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