

HONORING JOSEPH D. BUFF FOR
HIS SERVICE TO McDOWELL
COUNTY

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OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community leader, Jonas D. Buff. For ten years Mr. Buff served on the Board of Commissioners for McDowell County while also serving as its Chairman in 1994.

His dedication and commitment have brought growth and progress to McDowell County.

Mr. Buff's work to strengthen his County has included securing the location and grants to oversee the purchase of the McDowell County Industrial Park which is now home to three industries that are currently providing jobs to residents and economic development to the area. Mr. Buff also sought to recruit the State Prison facility to the County which now employs close to 400 individuals.

A strong proponent for the Nebo community owning its own water supply, Mr. Buff's advocacy helped bring about the "Nebo Community Water System." Water lines and waste

management are now extended to include a greater area, servicing more residents and laying a foundation for future growth.

In addition to aiding in the County's infrastructure growth, Mr. Buff was a strong supporter of volunteer and emergency services. During his tenure, the county implemented E-911 and Emergency Medical Dispatch and two EMS Base Stations were constructed.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the dedication that Mr. Buff has demonstrated in creating positive change for his County. His legacy highlights the lasting impact each hardworking person can impart to their community.