

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell issued the following statement following President Barack Obama's announcement that he will speak at Arizona State University's commencement ceremonies on May 13:

"President Obama's decision to speak at Arizona State University's commencement ceremonies is an honor for the University, its community and the entire state of Arizona. This exciting news makes me particularly proud as an alumni and adjunct faculty member at ASU, and as a lifelong resident of Tempe.

"President's Obama's presence will highlight the excellent work and achievements of ASU and speaks volumes to the quality of faculty and students at the school.

"We were privileged to host the president in the 5th Congressional District earlier in the year at Dobson High School, and I look forward to greeting him at Arizona State in May."

Last year, Congressman Mitchell gave the commencement address at ASU's Mary Lou Fulton College of Education.