

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE BODO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. Archie Bodo from Durango, Colorado passed away recently at the age of 94. Archie contributed a great deal to the Durango community, and it is my honor today to rise and pay tribute to his life before this body of Congress and our nation.

Archie was born on his family's vegetable farm in Durango in 1909. After growing up on the farm, Archie attended the Ford Motor Company School in Detroit, where he was trained as a machinist. Upon returning to Colorado, Archie opened a successful machine shop in Durango. In 1931, Archie married his wife of 72 years, Hazel Lemon. Although they had no children, the couple selflessly adopted and raised Hazel's niece and nephew as their own. In 1983, Archie retired after 37 years of devoted service to the City of Durango.

Archie had a true zest for life. Renowned for his sense of adventure, Archie was an avid vehicle enthusiast who enjoyed car racing, building motorcycles and off road driving. Ar-

chie also delighted in gardening, roller-skating and discussing politics with his friends. Archie always shared his enthusiasm for sport with others and countless Durango residents had their lives enhanced as the result of his friendship and guidance.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Archie Bodo. Archie's love of life and altruistic nature set a fine example for all Coloradans. Archie was a fine businessman and a friend to many. Above all, Archie was a tremendous father figure, and a devoted and loving husband. My thoughts go out to Archie's loved ones in this difficult time of bereavement.