

The Honorable Sue Myrick
U.S. Representative of North Carolina (1995–2013)

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Freshman Class Liaison

Representative Myrick remembers interacting with leadership as a freshman.
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I didn't run for anything, and some of the guys in the class came to me and they said, "We want you to run for this," and I said, "I really don't—" I didn't want to. I mean I literally didn't—that's not me, I'm an introvert. So, I'm not one to want to step out there and do that. I've always tried to be a leader, but quietly, by bringing people together, as I said before. So, anyway, they said, "We would like you to run." And there was, there was somebody else running that they didn't feel would be good to get the job, very frankly. There were, there were several people running at the time. And so, I said, "You can put my name in, but I'm not going to do anything. I'm not going to campaign for it. I'm not going to do anything." And that's the way it started. I mean really, I had no intentions of wanting to do any of that, but then they ended up having me be a liaison, along with David McIntosh on the, one the male side. There were two of us. And it was a great experience because we were able to communicate with the leadership about our class, and it was so large, and so many different—I mean everybody, pretty much, was together. But it was just a good opportunity to have that voice at that table because it was totally different than the other voices that had been at the table before. So, there was a lot of back-and-forth, and give-and-take in those leadership meetings. It was an interesting, interesting experience, but I was very blessed to have that job.