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## <u>Auditor Crouch's Statement on the Passing of Former Governor</u> <u>Edgar Whitcomb</u>

STATEHOUSE – Upon hearing of the passing of former governor Ed Whitcomb, Indiana Auditor of State Suzanne Crouch released the following statement:

"An author, lawyer, pilot, world traveler, veteran and statesman, 43<sup>rd</sup> Governor Edgar Whitcomb was a true renaissance man and an Indiana treasure.

"Though we are saddened to hear of his passing, Hoosiers can be proud of Governor Whitcomb's lasting legacy and vision of courage and reform.

"While his life was filled with incredible feats and exciting tales, I am particularly inspired by his commitment to make government more efficient and accountable so that Hoosiers would be better served.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Governor Whitcomb for his contributions to the great State of Indiana. I offer my deepest sympathies and stand beside his family in my thoughts and prayers."

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Elected in 2014 as Indiana's 56th State Auditor, Suzanne Crouch serves as the state's Chief Financial Officer. Prior to becoming State Auditor, Crouch served eight years as the State Representative for House District 78 in Evansville. www.in.gov/auditor