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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 9 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) announced today from his Senate office in Washington, D.C. that astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell will be the featured speaker at the state convention of the Kansas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

The Apollo 14 astronaut will be the featured speaker at the convention's "We Love America" banquet, May 8, Wichita. The event will be held at the Broadview Hotel.

Confirmation of Mitchell's May appearance in Wichita came to the Kansas Senator today.

Mrs. Jacquelyn Finley of Pittsburg, Ks., president of the statewide federation, said today that she was particularly pleased with the announcement and expected more than 700 Kansas women to hear the astronaut.

Commander Edgar D. Mitchell, a 40-year-old pilot, is often considered the most intellectual astronaut in the corps. He holds a Doctor of Science degree in aeronautics and astronautics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1964). He received a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial management from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1952, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1961.

Mitchell was selected to join the astronaut program in 1966 and on the recent Apollo 14 mission, became the sixth man to walk on the moon.