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The President today announced his intention to nominate Wilmer D. Mizell, Sr., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Economic Development). He will succeed William W. Blunt, Jr., who resigned effective December 25, 1974.

Mr. Mizell served as a United States Congressman, representing the Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina from 1969 to 1974. From 1963 to 1968 he was in Sales Management and Public Relations with the Winston-Salem Pepsi Cola Bottling Company.

After attending Leakesville High School in Leakesville, Mississippi, he played professional baseball from 1949 to 1962. During this period he also served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955.

Mr. Mizell was born on August 13, 1930, in Leakesville, Mississippi. He is married to the former Nancy Ruth McAlpine and they have two children. They reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

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