

It is with deep sadness that College of the Desert mourns the passing of long time College of the Desert friend and former Congressman Al McCandless.

The Board of Trustees would like to close today's meeting in his honor.

Al served in the Marines during the Korean War and then joined his father in running McCandless Motors in Indio before entering politics.

He represented the Coachella Valley as Riverside County Supervisor for 12 years from 1970 to 1982.

During that tenure he served on the Riverside County Housing Authority and helped found the SunLine Transit Agency.

He then headed to Washington, DC for 12 years in Congress where he was known for urging his colleagues to avoid running deficits.

In retirement Al McCandless remained involved in our community, volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club and serving on the College of the Desert's Bond Oversight Committee, something we deeply appreciate.

We are honored by the leadership, commitment and support, Al McCandless provided our community during his life.

He will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones and family.

Please join me in a moment of silence.