## NOTABLE MISSOURIANS AND TIGERS COLLECTION

Vicky Hartzler (BS Home Economics Education, '83, University of Missouri; MS Education '92, University of Central Missouri)





Two years after completing her MS degree at the University of Central Missouri, Vicky Hartzler successfully ran for State Representative in the Missouri General Assembly, serving for six years. She was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010 and in 2021, and currently serves on the House Armed Services and Agriculture Committees. Congresswoman Hartzler was part of the record number of women in Congress in 2019. The burgundy suit donated to the MHCTC (pictured above) is her "signature suit" as it inspired the color scheme of her first campaign for U.S. Congress in 2009, a color scheme Mrs. Hartzler still uses today.

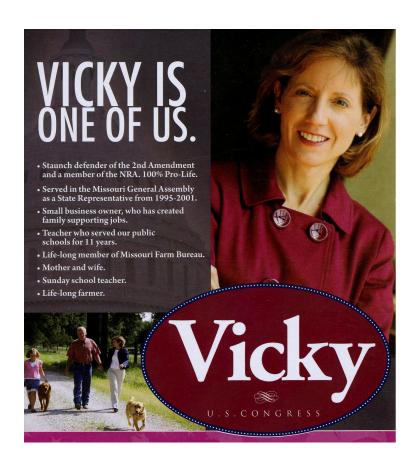
**ARTIFACT**: Burgundy Polyester, Rayon and Spandex Jacket and Skirt; Label: Ann Taylor. Gift of V. Hartzler. Portrait image courtesy of U.S. Congress.

"This was the first suit I purchased when I decided to run for Congress in 2009 and it helped launch my successful bid for Congress in 2010. The suit will always hold special significance and fond memories for me. I am happy it will now be part of the Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection housed at my alma mater, the University of Missouri-Columbia.

This opportunity is special, also, to me as my mother, Virginia Purdy, graduated from the College of Home Economics in 1957 and I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education in 1983. I have spent many hours (as did my mother) in Gwynn Hall and taken classes in clothing and textiles. I have seen multiple displays in the hallways over the years and feel honored that one of my own pieces will be displayed for future generations.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing a piece of history with you."

- Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, 2020



**ARTIFACT**: Paper campaign material "Vicky for U.S. Congress, Vicky is one of us." Gift of V. Hartzler.