Washington, Feb 25 - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement upon hearing the tragic news that Judge David

"Our prayers are with the Hopper family"

Hopper passed away last evening:

"It was with great sadness that I received news of the untimely passing of my friend David Hopper.

"Judge Hopper was a man of integrity and a genuine public servant, having served Madison County for nearly three decades. His sharp mind, devotion to law and tireless work on behalf of the citizens of Madison County will not only be missed, but it will set the standard for jurisprudence in the years to come.

"The entire Pence family will remember the Hopper family in our prayers during this difficult time."