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**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement on the passing of John W. Fisher:

**"I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John W. Fisher. Indiana has lost a giant and I have lost a cherished mentor and friend.**

**"As a man of faith and family, an athlete, a captain of industry and a philanthropist, John W. Fisher personified everything that is best about America.**

**"John W. Fisher contributed to the life of his community, his state and his nation as few others in his generation have. And John W. Fisher contributed to my small life.**

**"His steadfast commitment to integrity and American ideals enriched and encouraged my life and the lives of hundreds of aspiring leaders.**

**"Our prayers will be for his beloved Janice and the entire family as they mark the passing of this great man."**