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PENCE NAMED HONORARY BUS DRIVER IN MUNCIE TRANSIT SYSTEM

Washington, Mar 9, 2004 - Washington, D.C.- Congressman Mike Pence was named "Honorary Bus Driver" in the Muncie Transit System (MITS) today. The congressman was presented with his award by the MITS Board of Directors who met with him in his Washington, D.C. office today.

"This award is particularly touching since my late grandfather, Richard Michael Cawley, was a bus driver in Chicago," said Pence. "I proudly display the photo of my grandfather in his uniform in my Washington, D.C. office. Since I was a young boy, bus drivers have had a special place in my heart because of him.

"Many times driving a bus can be a thankless job," said Pence. "Bus drivers in Muncie often put in long hours while holding the huge responsibility of the safety of hundreds of people in their hands. And last but not least, Muncie's bus drivers have a remarkable safety record and I salute them."

The award states:
"In recognition of his contribution to the advancement of public transit in Muncie, Indiana, and his proud family heritage in the transit industry, let it hereby be known that Congressman Mike Pence is declared to be an Honorary MITS Bus Driver by the MITS Board of Directors."

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