WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement upon hearing that Dick Johnson had passed away:

"Karen and I were shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and mentor Dick Johnson.

"I first came to know Dick Johnson as a respected competitor of my father in the business world. Then, as now, Dick Johnson was admired for his devotion to his faith, his family, his business acumen and his unblemished reputation for integrity.

"Dick Johnson was a public man who saw business as a means to improve his community, his state, his university and his nation.

"I know of no man, other than my beloved father, who I respected or admired more than Dick Johnson.

"To his beloved Ruth, his children and entire family we offer our deepest condolences and prayer that they may be comforted with the faith we share.

"Columbus and Indiana have lost a giant and I have lost a cherished mentor and friend."