**"We've Lost a True Public Servant and Friend"**

Anderson, IN - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement regarding the passing of Richmond Common Council Member, Mr. Bing Welch, today:

"Karen and I were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Bing Welch. His passing is truly a loss to Richmond and all of eastern Indiana.

"He selflessly served for more than twenty years on the Richmond Common Council, as well as serving on the boards for the Richmond Sanitary District, Richmond Power and Light and the Parks and Recreation Department. Bing's focus was always on the interests of the people he served, and during his long career in public service and in business, he made Richmond a better place.

"We've lost a true public servant and friend. We mourn his passing, and we will miss his example and his leadership.

"May God comfort Patricia and his entire family with the assurance of his grace and with the assurance of the gratitude of the people of the Richmond whom he served and loved."

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