The *Indianapolis Star* pays tribute to Lucious Newsom:

Lucious Newsom was believed to be 92 years old. In the two decades since moving here from his native Tennessee, his smiling gap-toothed face came to symbolize the kind of neighborhood activism that rolls up its sleeves and lets government and foundations catch up if they will. Till nearly the very end, neither fame nor vandal attacks nor age and illness could deter him from getting up every day to go meet the need...

Once a Baptist minister, Newsom converted to Catholicism after attending an Easter vigil at Nativity Catholic Church, where Rev. Schwab, now at St. Thomas Aquinas parish, was pastor. The activist was especially moved by the doctrine of the intercession of saints. A statue of St. Jude, patron of impossible causes, stands at Anna's House.

The faith Lucious Newsom lived out was large enough to include all brands of believers -- and non-believers. It touched people who'd seen everything and people who were not yet born when he reached old age. His work surely will live on, because he has left behind too many who will never again think of fighting poverty as a lost cause.

You can find Congressman Pence's statement on Newsom's passing **HERE** .