

Smith, made a \$25 million gift to the University's Lewis College of Business. Brad and Alys also established the Brad and Alys Smith Family Scholarship at Marshall University for West Virginia and Ohio students, with a preference for first-generation college students.

Brad joined Intuit in 2003 as Vice President and General Manager of Intuit's Accountant Central and Developer Network in Plano, Texas. Intuit is headquartered in Mountain View in California's 18th Congressional District and is the highly successful maker of TurboTax, QuickBooks, and related tax preparation and accounting software. Over the next five years, Brad held a number of executive positions and headed each major division of Intuit before being named President and Chief Executive Officer in 2008. While serving as Intuit's CEO and President, the company grew to 9,000 employees worldwide, its revenue doubled, and its stock rose from \$31 in January 2006, to \$205 as of December 2018. In January 2016, Brad cemented his legacy with the company when he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Brad Smith is a trusted friend who has informed my thinking and my understanding of a number of important public policies and as he prepares to begin a new chapter of life, I congratulate him on a job done exceedingly well and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CLAUDE  
EUGENE JORDAN

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Mr. Claude Eugene Jordan and his long and honorable career as a firefighter. Mr. Jordan has honored his country with over 30 years of service in civilian firefighting, demonstrating not only skill at his craft, but devotion to our nation.

Before his career in firefighting began, Mr. Jordan grew up in Prince George's County, Maryland where he served as a volunteer firefighter with the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department since 1980. On May 11, 1987, he began his employment with the Dahlgren, Virginia Fire Department.

By November 5, 1989, Mr. Jordan was promoted to Supervisory Captain. Over his long career at Dahlgren, Mr. Jordan has served in nearly every position starting as a firefighter and ultimately, on February 5, 2015, he was promoted to his current role of Battalion Chief of Operations for Naval District Washington Fire and Emergency Services at Naval Support Activity South Potomac in Dahlgren, Virginia.

Mr. Jordan is married to Tina Jordan, and together they have happily raised five daughters: Brittany Lambdin, Emilie Jordan, Madison Jordan, Kaleigh Jordan, and Makenzie Jordan.

Today, we honor Claude Eugene Jordan and his 30 years of exemplary service to the Navy as a civilian firefighter. His hard work, devotion, and strong character will be missed by his fellow firefighters as he transitions to a joyful retirement. His spirit of selflessness is an enduring example to us all as I am told that Mr. Jordan is the type of man who spent his

career worrying about his colleagues rather than himself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. Claude Eugene Jordan's lifetime of accomplishment and dedication. An admirable illustration of leadership and service, and an outstanding member of our community, may God bless Mr. Jordan and his family as they begin a new chapter in life. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF 1ST  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT CIRCUIT  
COURT JUDGE JIM POUNDS

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of one of Mississippi's most devoted citizens and public servants, the Honorable Jim Pounds. Judge Pounds is a man of distinction who has demonstrated an outstanding devotion to God, family, and his fellow man. Throughout his exemplary personal and professional life, Judge Pounds defined what it means to be a good and faithful public servant.

Judge Pounds, a native of Booneville, Mississippi, graduated from Booneville High School in 1972. Upon graduation, Judge Pounds attended Northeast Mississippi Community College, where he pursued an Associate Degree in Business Administration. Barbara Hughes, a retired NEMCC Business Division Instructor, said Judge Pounds was a standout student who once served as the state president of the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Mississippi chapter. "As a Phi Beta Lambda advisor, I had the opportunity to work closely with Judge Pounds," Mrs. Hughes said. "Our paths would continue to cross as we are both residents of Booneville and members of the Booneville First United Methodist Church. Judge Pounds has and continues to play an active role in our church. He taught the Senior High School Sunday School Class for 12 years and served two terms as the Pastor Parish Relations Chairman and the Church Leadership Chairman. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees. He is a good family man, honest, sincere, and a person you can easily talk to. I was proud to see Judge Pounds inducted into the Northeast Mississippi Community College Alumnus Hall of Fame in 2013. I am even more proud to have him as a dear friend."

Following the completion of his studies at NEMCC, Judge Pounds attended Mississippi State University, where he pursued a degree in Banking & Finance. After receiving his degree, Judge Pounds intended to follow his father's footsteps and work at the Peoples Bank. A rule preventing family members from working together led to a career change which brought Judge Pounds to law school. "God had a different plan," Judge Pounds said. "He wanted me to be an attorney and a judge rather than a banker."

Prior to graduating from the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Judge Pounds married his high school sweetheart, Susan Echols. During their 38 years of marriage, Judge Pounds and his wife raised two children, Seth and Kala. Judge Pounds took an

active role in his children's lives serving as an Assistant Scout Master in the local chapter of the Boys Scouts of America Troop 37 and coaching little league baseball for 20 years. "I am so proud of his many accomplishments," Mrs. Pounds said. "His devotion to family is unending. I've witnessed that same devotion in our church, his work, and in our community. I could say so much about his good works, but one of his finest accomplishments was Kids Town, a project for which he served as coordinator. It is one of the largest community-built playgrounds in Mississippi. He also served as co-coordinator for the playground built at the Corinth City Park."

In 1981, Judge Pounds worked as a senior attorney for the Mississippi State Tax Commission and the Alcohol Beverage Control Division. His career path would lead him to the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office, where he served as an assistant district attorney for 18 years. John Weddle, 1st Judicial District Attorney, said Judge Pounds will be missed. "Jim Pounds has been an indispensable asset to the First Circuit Judicial District, not only as a prosecutor, but during his years as Circuit Court Judge as well," Weddle said. "The district attorney's office is grateful for his integrity, as well as his balance of toughness on crime with compassion toward people involved in the criminal justice system."

In 2006, Judge Pounds was elected to serve as the 1st Judicial District Circuit Court Judge. He was known for his fair and measured decisions in and out of the courtroom. In 2008, Judge Pounds' passionate concern for the wellbeing of others led him to pursue what would become one of the most important roles of his long and remarkable career. Judge Pounds and former 1st Judicial District Circuit Court Judge Sharion Aycock formed the 1st Judicial District Drug Court. Jennifer Cummings, 1st Judicial District Drug Court Coordinator, said Judge Pounds did not receive any compensation for the extra workload that came with the drug court docket. "To me, that shows a true desire to help others," Mrs. Cummings said. "Judge Pounds has made a tremendous difference in the lives of those addicted to drugs and alcohol. He has been instrumental in helping to rehabilitate participants, so they will become productive citizens. I have seen him cheer on those who have successfully completed the three-year program. I have also seen his tears while participants read their testimonials. Judge Pounds has saved many lives. Under his leadership, there have been more than 50 drug-free babies born."

Darren Herring, a former investigator for the 1st Judicial District, also praised Judge Pounds for his devotion to helping others lead drug-free lives. "Judge Pounds' dedication to the 1st Judicial District of Mississippi is reflected by the numerous participants that successfully completed drug court under his guidance," Herring said. "By his tireless efforts, Judge Pounds transformed many lives from that of drug dependency to being productive members of our society."

Good leadership is about building and maintaining strong relationships, a quality Judge Pounds has demonstrated throughout his life. Prentiss County Sheriff Randy Tolar said his relationship with Judge Pounds has and continues to have a profound impact on his life. "He influenced my career as a young, rookie law enforcement officer—a relationship that

formed the foundation of my career as a five-term sheriff," Sheriff Tolar said. "He has been an inspiration to me and to so many others, including drug court participants. He wants to see people do better and turn their lives around. No one in the criminal justice system has impacted lives more than him. His compassion for people is unparalleled."

In November 2018, a retirement reception was held for Judge Pounds at the Booneville First United Methodist Church. Mississippi State District 3 Representative Tracy Arnold, a Prentiss County native, was among scores of people who came to greet Judge Pounds and his family. Rep. Arnold has known Judge Pounds for most of his life. "He is a pillar of the community," Rep. Arnold said. "He is a man of incredible stature and character and is revered for his impeccable expertise and dedication to public service."

Judge Pounds said his decision to retire was not an easy one, but he wants to spend more time with their children and three grandchildren; Jackson and George Pounds, and Tays LeGrand. I wish Judge Pounds and his family many more years of happiness. Judge Pounds' service to the 1st Judicial District and to his community will always be remembered and celebrated.

#### HONORING JEFF KITTLE

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Jeff Kittle for his contribution to our state.

Jeff has dedicated his career to helping low-income individuals access affordable housing and to creating jobs in Indiana. He is the President and CEO of Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc., which owns and manages low-income housing properties all across our state. I have no doubt that our state is better off due to Jeff's extraordinary leadership and service.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Jeff for nearly two decades. To me, Jeff has been a close friend, trusted advisor and loyal supporter during my entire tenure in Congress.

I want to thank Jeff for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

#### HONORING THE NORTH COUNTRY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER AT NORTH ELEMENTARY

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the North Country Family Health Center for the 25th anniversary of its School-Based Health Center at North Elementary.

The North Country Family Health Center (NCFHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides care to the underserved. In

1993, the NCFHC expanded its reach by opening a School-Based Health Center (SBCH), the first in the region, at North Elementary in Watertown, New York. Over 550 elementary school students initially registered for the program, and now, North Elementary SBHC provides care to all Watertown City School District elementary students.

For the past 25 years, the North Elementary SBHC has broken down barriers to care by offering integrated medical, behavioral health, and dental services at the convenience of parents, students, and teachers alike. Every student is welcome to use the SBHC regardless of income or insurance, and all services are provided with no out-of-pocket costs. The North Elementary SBHC is just one of six SBHCs operated by the NCFHC, which reaches thousands of students in the Watertown City and South Jefferson School Districts.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to thank the North Country Family Health Center for its dedication to providing young students with high quality care. Its School-Based Health Center at North Elementary has provided an important service to families across Jefferson County for the past 25 years, truly serving as an asset to the community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call 430, I am not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 430.

#### HONORING FRED KLIPSCH

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Fred Klipsch for his contribution to our state.

Fred is an institution in our state and is widely regarded as one of our state's top political minds. Fred built an extraordinary career in business. And, I worked closely with Fred as the President and CEO of School Choice Indiana, where we successfully passed one of the largest school choice programs in the country. Together, we helped improve educational opportunities for hundreds of thousands of Hoosier kids and Hoosier families.

On a personal note, I've had the pleasure of knowing Fred for more than two decades. He is my friend and mentor. It is not exaggeration to say that when I grow up, I hope to be a whole lot more like Fred Klipsch. He is a strong leader who brings positive results everywhere he goes.

I want to thank Fred for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish Fred and Judy continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK STALEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE FLAGSHIP ENTERPRISE CENTER

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chuck Staley on the occasion of his retirement as President of the Flagship Enterprise Center in Anderson, Indiana. Chuck has devoted his life to making a positive impact on his beloved community of Anderson. Focused on community redevelopment, Chuck built a robust business center focused on collaborative partnerships with Anderson University, the City of Anderson, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and many other partners. His hard work and dedication to success has developed advanced economic and educational opportunities while creating nearly 2,000 jobs. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Chuck's commitment to economic development throughout the City of Anderson, Madison County, and the State of Indiana.

A life-long Hoosier, Chuck attended Anderson High School in Anderson, Indiana, before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War in 1964. He served faithfully until he was honorably discharged in 1967. After his time in the Marine Corps, Chuck attended Ball State University where he received a B.S. in Geography and Geology in 1971. Dedicated to furthering his education, he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Geography from Ball State in 1973. After graduation, Chuck began his career as plant supervisor at Delco Remy, an American manufacturer, remanufacturer, and distributor. In 1980, Chuck became the Director of Anderson University's physical plant until becoming their Director of Real Estate programs in 1985 and Executive Director of Facilities and Real Estate in 1991. Since 2004, Chuck has served as the Anderson University Special Assistant to the President for Engagement.

In 2003, he shifted his commitment to supporting community development when he became President of the Flagship Enterprise Center (Flagship). Flagship is a large public-private partnership. The public side is comprised of the City of Anderson, State of Indiana, and multiple federal agencies; and the private sector is represented by Anderson University. Flagship's mission is to encourage and nurture entrepreneurial spirit in communities by providing mentoring, networking, business services, educational opportunities, and access to capital. Under Chuck's leadership, Flagship now spans 300,000 square feet of space in five buildings and nurtures 150 companies both nationally and internationally.

An exceptional leader, Chuck advanced Flagship's impact as a business incubator and an advanced-stage business center through his dedication to innovative ideas and solutions. With a focus on collaboration, and diversifying the economy, Flagship not only provided skilled jobs in a struggling community, but became a regional leader with a strong international reputation. During his tenure, he challenged local officials to help develop a