

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