



# Commendation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, Mr. Ricky Oates began his employment with the City of Prattville on September 14, 1972. He was hired as an Equipment Operator and has been assigned to the Sanitation Department, Landfill, Transfer Station, and Street Department; and*

*WHEREAS, Ricky has been described as a "hard-working, dependable employee, who is an asset to the City of Prattville," by Street Department Director George Williams. He has numerous commendations acknowledging his job performance, over his forty-year tenure with the City of Prattville. In a letter to the Mayor from 2004, a local citizen stated that Mr. Oates was skilled, thorough, and genial in clearing large stacks of tree remnants along Highway 31 near the entrance of Heritage Hills Drive. He further stated that Mr. Oates and his crew worked days after Hurricane Ivan and that they were instrumental in returning his neighborhood back to normal. Another citizen praised Mr. Oates in 2001 following flood damage at this home; stating that Mr. Oates worked diligently in the dark, rain, and cold to remove a crosstie that had become lodged in the drainage pipes; and*

*WHEREAS, during his employment, Ricky Oates has worked under four different administrations, Mayor Gray Price, Mayor David Whetstone, Mayor Jim Byard, Jr., and Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr. The City of Prattville has been well served by Mr. Ricky Oates for the past forty years.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby commend*

*Mr. Ricky Oates*

*For his dedication to public service.*

*Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City  
of Prattville on the 5th day of March 2013.*

*Bill Gillespie, Jr.*  
Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.

