



Commendation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, Ms. Gwen Teel Babston's first job after high school graduation was with the Tax Assessors office, when deeds were written by hand, where she earned 50¢ an hour; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Babston graduated from Troy State University where she was a cheerleader, and also a member of the marching band. She earned a BS Degree in Music and Business Education and her Masters Degree in Supervision and Administration; and

WHEREAS, her teaching career landed her in several different locations beginning with five years in Georgia; and then in Alabama in Shorter, Marbury, and finally Prattville. In 1973, Ms. Babston was asked to start and supervise a marketing program for students. This job required her to go to Auburn for an AA Certification, and led her to joining the Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce, where she was a Charter Member, which allowed her to inform the business community of the marketing program and work with them to obtain jobs for her students. She served on the Chamber Board for six years. Ms. Babston ran for a seat on the Prattville City Council in 1980, winning by just one vote. When she was sworn in Ms. Babston made history by becoming the first woman to serve as a member of the City's governing body; and

WHEREAS, she was married to Rance Teel for over 50 years, and together they had two daughters, JoAnne and Patti, seven grand children, and eleven great-grandchildren. After Mr. Teel's death, She was married to Mr. Ray Babston until his untimely death.

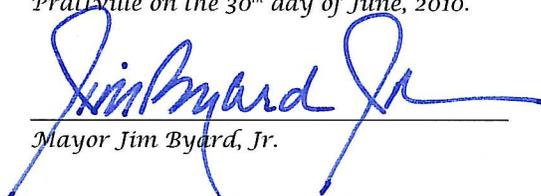
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby commend

Ms. Gwen Teel Babston

for her 11 years of service with the Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce, and her many years of service and dedication to the citizens of the City of Prattville, and extend to her best wishes for a healthy, happy, and prosperous retirement.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 30th day of June, 2010.


Mayor Jim Byard, Jr.