



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS*, on February 22, 1916, Gordon Braxton Schuffert was born, in Shelby County, Alabama, and subsequently moved to Prattville, Alabama; and

*WHEREAS*, he developed a deep love of music at a very young age, and started to sing and play the guitar; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1932, he had his own radio show at the age of 16 on WSFA Radio in Montgomery, Alabama, and remained on WSFA until 1950, and in the early 1950's was sponsored on WJZZ by Hormel Meats; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Schuffert has written and recorded numerous songs and was also a major force behind Hank Williams' rise to fame, writing songs with him, playing in his band, and remaining his good friend until Williams' death; and

*WHEREAS*, he continues to play and sing with his band in and around Prattville and the River Region; and

*WHEREAS*, he lives in Prattville, on his 140 acre farm.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor, do hereby **PROCLAIM** Thursday, March 24, 2011, as

## **BRAXTON SCHUFFERT DAY**

in Prattville, Alabama, and urge our citizens to recognize and commend Mr. Schuffert for his significant contribution to the arts through his singing and songwriting and sharing his talents with the people of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.

  
Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.