



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, George Harper Howell was born April 2, 1948; and

WHEREAS, George was always active in church by singing in the choir, being a part of RAs and drama club, even while moving due to his father being on military service in Alabama, Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, Ohio and Japan. Outside of church, George had a paper route and was involved in Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, George graduated from Vandalia Butler High School in Dayton, Ohio in 1966 and was a member of the football team. During his family's stay in Japan, George was attending college at Carson Newman in Tennessee and would travel to Japan in the summers, work as a lifeguard and pool supervisor at the local pool. George saved a young man's life while lifeguarding at that very pool; and

WHEREAS, George, while attending Carson Newman, fostered his love for law by participating in the school's Supreme Court as the Chief Justice. He was also a member of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, and a member of the school's soccer team. Before graduating in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts in History, George met his wife, the former Dottie Anthony, while working in the cafeteria together; and

WHEREAS, George and Dottie were married on May 29, 1970 and remained lovingly together for over 44 years until his death. Dottie, a teacher, worked and supported the family while George attended the University of Alabama Law School from 1970 until his graduation in 1973 with his Juris Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, George, while at the University of Alabama, was an elected member of the Farrah Law Society and volunteered to help the department of legal services at the school; and

WHEREAS, George and Dottie settled in Prattville after graduation and George started working for Clarence Atkinson, a local attorney, while preparing to take the Alabama Bar. George passed the Bar exam on his first attempt and opened his own private practice on August 1, 1974, one day after his eldest child was born; and

WHEREAS, George continued his private practice for 37 years before retiring, due to his illness, and was the city's longest practicing attorney at that time. During his career, George was a member of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, the Alabama Bar Association, the Autauga County Bar Association, the Kiwanis Club in Prattville, and served as the chairman of the Airport Authority in Autauga County. He was also very involved in the Boys and Girls Club, helped establish the AYSO in Prattville, setup the adult soccer league in Prattville, did pro bono work for several local churches in the area, and worked with the Teen Court at Prattville High School; and

WHEREAS, George was Prattville's municipal court judges for 19 years and was the City's attorney for 8 years. George was most recently honored by the Prattville Rotary Club with the Paul Harris Award, and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama League of Municipalities in 2000; and

WHEREAS, George set the bar very high for community involvement, strength of character, and service to his community.

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

George Harper Howell

For his many accomplishments, his service and the example he set in Autauga County and the City of Prattville.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 27th day of April 2015.

Bill Gillespie Jr.
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