



Commendation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, Christopher Ray Popham grew up in Prattville and was a graduate of Prattville High School; and

WHEREAS, he joined the U.S. Army in September 2002; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Popham earned the rank of Staff Sergeant, which provided him the opportunity to mentor and to lead fellow soldiers.

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christopher Popham deployed three times to Iraq during his 13 years of service in the Army; and

WHEREAS, he had been stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado since January 2015 in service as a Cavalry Scout. Christopher was assigned to the division's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team as part of the 4th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Popham, as well as the soldiers from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, left in late August for the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Christopher Ray Popham was a courageous man of character who served this nation proudly and represented Prattville well; and

WHEREAS, Chris, to our sorrow, has made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and is being laid to rest with full military honors as is befitting a hero.

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

Staff Sergeant Christopher Ray Popham

for his honor, his courage, and his service to this nation. I further ask the citizens of Prattville to join me in praying for his family and friends as we honor his memory. All gave some; some gave all. Freedom is never free.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 9th day of October 2015.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.