

FROM THE GOVERNING BODY
OF
OPELIKA, ALABAMA



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mike Thomas started coaching in Opelika's Dixie Youth Baseball in 1969 and continued to coach until 1990 for a total of 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Mike Thomas was elected President of the Dixie Youth Baseball League in 1980 and served in this capacity until October, 2009 for a total of 29 years becoming the driving force that lead to the phenomenal growth in Dixie Youth Baseball which more than doubled in the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas also served as the League Commissioner from 2000 to 2002 for a total of 40 years in serving the youth and parents that participated in Opelika Dixie Youth baseball; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has earned the admiration and respect of those with whom he has come in contact with and the affection of his fellow elected officials who are proud to call him a "friend"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas did an outstanding job in performing his duties and responsibilities as a Coach, Commissioner and President of the Opelika Dixie Youth Baseball League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Gary Fuller and the entire Opelika City Council hereby express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Mike Thomas for his many years of distinguished service and outstanding leadership provided to Dixie Youth Baseball and his dedicated efforts in making sure that every Opelika youth who wanted to play baseball was provided that opportunity.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2009.

Gary Fuller
Mayor, City of Opelika

C. E. "Eddie" Smith, President
City Council - Ward 4

Patricia A. Jones, President pro-tem
City Council - Ward 1

Larry Gray
City Council - Ward 2

Joey Motley
City Council - Ward 3

Dr. William D. Lazenby
City Council - Ward 5

Attest:

R. G. "Bob" Shuman
City Clerk – Treasurer