

Mayor Celebrates John E. Richardson's Retirement - Feb. 21, 2017



L-R: Mayor Gary Fuller, John E Richardson, OPD Chief John McEachem, Assistant Chief Bob Holley and Former U.S. Marshal Jesse Seroyer

John E. Richardson is a dedicated servant and man of integrity. Mayor Gary Fuller celebrated his retirement at the February 21, 2017 City Council by presenting the following Certificate of Retirement. We thank you for your years of service to City of Opelika and the State of Alabama.

Certificate of Retirement

WHEREAS, Colonel John E. Richardson began his career in law enforcement with the Opelika Police Department in September 1985 as a patrol officer. Prior to his employment with the City of Opelika, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1981-1985; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, John accepted a position as an agent with the ABC Enforcement Division where he was assigned to the Narcotics Bureau. As an undercover narcotics agent, he worked with other state and federal law enforcement agencies resulting in hundreds of arrests and convictions. John served as the Assistant Director of ABC's Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety, along with other law enforcement agencies, consolidated under a new Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. John took the title of Colonel as he accepted the position of Director with the Alabama Department of Public Safety reporting to Spencer Collier, the state's Secretary of Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, John retired on January 1, 2017, after serving 32 years of faithful service to the State of Alabama.

THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Opelika, I do hereby congratulate **John E. Richardson**

on his retirement, and express the appreciation and gratitude of the City of Opelika and the State of Alabama for his years of service to our community, and wish him the very best as he begins a new chapter in his life.

Signed on this the 21st day of February, 2017.
Mayor, Gary Fuller

