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### **Cauley and Sport honored with AMEA President's Award**

Bilee Cauley of Wetumpka and Luverne Mayor Joe Rex Sport were the recipients of the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) President's Award on Thursday, April 17, during the AMEA Appreciation Reception and Dinner. The event was held in conjunction with the 2014 AMEA Power Supply Conference in Point Clear.

"Bilee and Mayor Sport are true AMEA pioneers," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "AMEA has become a valued partner in Alabama's electric utility community due to their leadership and dedication."

Mrs. Cauley worked as a paralegal at the Montgomery law firm of Johnson and Thorington from 1979 until her graduation from law school. Upon graduation, she was employed at that firm as an associate. She was appointed assistant reporter of decisions for the Alabama appellate courts in July 1989. She was the first person to occupy that newly-created position. In Oct. 2001, she was appointed reporter of decisions for the Alabama appellate courts. She is the first woman to hold that position.

Mrs. Cauley was instrumental in the formation of AMEA in 1981. Due to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Cauley and other AMEA visionaries, on May 18, 1981, in the wee hours of the night, Alabama Governor Fob James signed the legislation that allowed Alabama municipal electric utilities to form the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority.

Sport currently serves as Mayor of the City of Luverne. He has served in that capacity since he was first appointed in January 2003. Prior to serving as mayor, he served on the Luverne City Council from 1989 until 2003.

Mayor Sport served on the AMEA Board of Directors from 1989 until 2003, serving as secretary. He also served on the AMEA Budget/Audit/Rate Committee. He currently represents Luverne on the AMEA Election Committee, a seat he has held since 2004.

Past recipients of the AMEA President's Award include the late Robert D. Thorington, Clifford A. Lanier, Jr., Robert W. Claussen, H. Sewell St. John, Jr., Robert H. Young, Jr., and Steven Stein. The award honors individuals who played a key role in the formation of AMEA in 1981. The award is also presented in recognition of their continued leadership and dedication to the organization.

AMEA, located in Montgomery, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, which serve some 350,000 customers in the cities of Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee.