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### **Ford and Nix honored with AMEA President's Award**

Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee and James P. Nix, former mayor of the City of Fairhope, were the recipients of the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) 2015 President's Award on Thursday, April 16 during the AMEA Appreciation Reception and Dinner in Point Clear, AL. The event was held in conjunction with the 2015 AMEA Power Supply Conference.

"Mayor Ford and Mayor Nix 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."

Ford and Nix were instrumental in the formation of AMEA in 1981. Due to their hard work and dedication, Alabama Governor Fob James signed the legislation on May 18, 1981 that allowed Alabama municipal electric utilities to form the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority, said Clark.

Ford served as a past vice chairman of the AMEA Board of Directors and as an Ex-Officio Director of the board. Nix is a past chairman of the AMEA Board of Directors. Both men were first elected as mayors of their cities in 1972.

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., Steven Stein, Bilee Cauley and Joe Rex Sport. The award honors individuals who played a key role in the formation of AMEA and is presented in recognition of their continued leadership and dedication to the organization.

AMEA, a joint action agency 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.