

YAZOO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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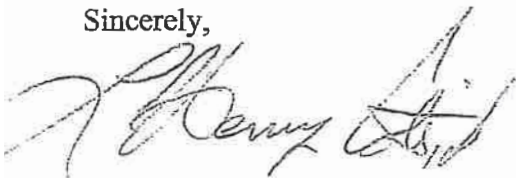
To whom it may concern:

As the President/CEO of the Chamber of Commerce it is my honor and privilege to write this letter of support for Mr. A. G. Helton. The success of the retail and service industries in Yazoo City/Yazoo County can be directly attributed to Mr. Helton, he has developed several shopping centers here over the years. The most notable of these being the conversion of an empty and dilapidated K-Mart building into a thriving retail center that he continues to develop adding additional buildings on the site bringing new national chain stores to the area. Mr. Helton has always taken pride in keeping his properties clean and in good repair, and that is reflected by his occupancy rates.

Mr. Helton has created hundreds of jobs, millions in payroll, and his properties are the largest generator of tax revenue for the City and County. He is a pillar of this community and his acts of generosity in his support of this community and its residents are well documented.

I have worked closely with him on many of his projects and have always found that he conducts himself in a highly professional and ethical manner. Mr. Leland Speed, the former director of the Mississippi Development Authority and Chairman of EastGroup and Parkway Properties said of Helton "If we could clone A. G. Helton and spread him throughout the state, Mississippi would have the best communities of any state." Please feel free to contact me anytime regarding Mr. Helton and his endeavors here in Yazoo County.

Sincerely,



L. Henry Cote

President/CEO