

Chamber of Commerce LOUISIANA MISSOURI

August 14, 2015

Ms. Christa Atchison, Executive Director
Missouri Community Betterment
903 South 3rd Street
Clinton, Missouri 64735

Dear Ms. Atchison,

It is with great pleasure to nominate Mr. Gordon. Y. Ipson, CEcD, FM, Manager of Economic Development, Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative as a recipient of this year's Ambassador Award.

Gordon is and has been a tireless advocate of the principles and practices of Community Betterment throughout his career. His career includes years of dedication to community betterment and sound economic development in Ohio, Nebraska, Iowa and for the past ten (10) years in Missouri. He has generously and untiringly given of his time and energy in his campaign to help others. He has made presentations to attendees of Missouri Community Betterment conferences and numerous other economic development seminars. He has canvassed the State in the cause of better communities.

He has been an invaluable contributor to innumerable Boards and Commissions and is a champion of support to his community. It is my understanding that Gordon served as a Director of Missouri Community Betterment Education Fund at a time of transition.. No doubt Gordon rendered insightful and level-headed guidance, contributing to the organization's continuance and existence today.

Through his direct involvement, other community members have received scholarships enabling them to attend not only Missouri Community Betterment events, but also to receive specialized training in specific fields of economic development.

Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) is sponsored by Gordon's current employer, from whom he will be retiring after an exemplary and brilliant career in January of 2016. Gordon also has encouraged additional rural electric cooperatives and other statewide partners to consider sponsorships of MCB.

In addition to all of these wonderful community and economic development achievements, Gordon excels where it counts most. He is a devoted husband, father, grandfather and incredibly, a great-grandfather.

I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious recognition than Gordon. To be able to recognize him upon his retirement is an opportunity of extraordinary proportion that should not be wasted.

If you or the panel should have any questions or desire more information, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for the chance to shine a much deserved spotlight on a man of unique skills and massive contributions to Community Betterment.

Sincerely,



Diana C. Huckstep
Chairperson
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Office of the Mayor

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August 25, 2015

Re Gordon Y. Ipson Nomination

It is my true pleasure to write you in support of the nomination of Gordon Ipson as a recipient of this year's Ambassador Award.

Gordon is a true "old school" economic development practitioner where everything is economic development and community development is a sub-set to the broader mandate. Gordon has been a bright light throughout the state and has been an on-going help to me here in the City of Louisiana.

It is my understanding that Gordon has brought this same level of intensity to assignments throughout his career in Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio before the ten years he has devoted to Missouri.

Gordon is the embodiment of community service and commitment to improving the quality of life to the fullest extent possible. I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition by Missouri Community Betterment than Gordon Ipson. I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding my assessment of Gordon's qualifications to receive this award.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "B. Niedner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bart Niedner, Mayor



August 17, 2015

Ms. Christa Atchison, Executive Director
Missouri Community Betterment

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The Northeast Development Partnership began under Gordon's leadership and he continually supports the communities in the Northeast region with economic and community development. He has always promoted MCB in the best light and with the intention of having as many involved as possible.

Through his direct involvement, other community members have received "scholarships" enabling them to attend not only Missouri Community Betterment events but also to receive specialized training in specific fields of economic development.

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If you and/or the panel should have any questions or desire more information do not hesitate to let me know. I can be reached at 660-665-2003 or cchrisman@kirksvillecity.com

Sincerely,
Carolyn Chrisman

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NMDP President



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The Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc has utilized Gordon's leadership and appreciates his continually support of the communities in the Northeast region with economic and community development. He has always promoted MCB in the best light and with the intention of having as many involved as possible.

I have personally received "scholarships" from Gordon to attend trainings, and he has always highlighted Missouri Community Betterment events to attend, but also to receive specialized training in specific fields of economic development.

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