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Town of Midland Lity

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MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA 36350 PHONE 205/983-3511

MICHAEL E. SAWYER MAYOR

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November 24, 1986

Dr. Wayne Teague State Superintendent of Education Room 483 State Office Building Montgomery, Al. 36130

Dear Dr. Teague,

I am very interested in the possibility of adopting a state statute to ban smoking in any and all public education facilities. The state of Florida has adopted such a statute and it is one that I feel would be very beneficial for all of the communities across Alabama.

I am writing to ask for your thoughts on this matter and also to seek your support for such a bill to be introduced to our legislature.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter and pledge my full support to the passage of such a bill.

Thanking you, I remain,

Faithfully,

Michael E. Sawyer

Mayor



State of Alabama Department of Education

State Office Building Montgomery, Alabama 36130



Wayne Teague State Superintendent of Education

December 1, 1986

The Honorable Michael E. Sawyer Mayor of Midland City Post Office Box 69 Midland City, AL 36350

Dear Mayor Sawyer:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the issue of banning smoking in all public education facilities and your interest in legislation to effect this ban.

Because of your letter, I am directing the appropriate members of my staff to secure a copy of the Florida law and any supporting information they may be able to provide. After review of this information, I will communicate with you regarding our findings. Your suggestion is certainly meritorious and we will look at the circumstances very carefully.

Sincerely,

Wayne Teague

State Superintendent of Education

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA • TOESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1986

Mayor Campaigns To Control Smoking In Public

months.

By JUDY FISH

Advertiser Staff Writer MIDLAND CITY - When he was just 11 years old his father, who was a heavy smoker.

died of lung cancer. Midland City Mayor Mike Sawyer complained Monday that he was "just getting over a cold from being in two rooms where people

smoked." Sawyer said one of those rooms was a state office in Montgomery and "enough is enough."

He is hoping other Wiregrass residents will agree with him. Sawyer held a meeting Monday night to drum up support for new legislation that would

control smoking in public places, especially schoels. "I am not really asking for a ban on smoking.

just con't want to have to breathe secondhand smoke anymore."

Sawyer said a recent Gallup poll says that 70 percent of Americans are non-smokers. He said the high school in his own city has a

smoking section for students. "I contacted (state Education) Superinterdent Wayne Teague about eliminating smoking areas for students, but he left the decision up to the local school boards," Sawyer said, "I think

with just one stroke of his pen that problem

could be eliminated statewide." Pointing to studies that say secondhand smoke causes cancer. Sawyer argued that as a vegetarian, he can go into a steak house and although that would be nice," Sawyer said. " not eat the steak, but as a non-smoker, he cannot go into the same restaurant and not breathe smoke.

> my rights to clean air, something has got to give and I can't stop breathing." Sawyer said he is not a new asti-smoking proponent. He said he has been researching the possiblity of some kind of legislation for

pass similiar legislation in Alabama. "It's not a very popular issue, but it's just important to me as a slow leak at the nucl-

"Already at least 10 states have ban:

smoking in public places," Sawyer said, but

says he knows it will be a flong uphill climb

plant here would be ... it's slow suicide." ... "I am all for the rights of smokers," Sawyer Sawyer said his local effort is in conjunct said. "But the minute they start infringing on with efforts being made in Montgomery by

Coalition For a Tobacco-Free Alabama. "I hope there will be just a few people Il are as concerned as I am," the mayor said. want to show the rest of Alabama that sou east Alabama cares about clean air."

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January 7, 1987

Mr. Leon Danzby Superintendent of Education P.O. Box 978 Ozark, Al.

Dear Mr. Danzby,

I would appreciate it very much if you would place me on the agenda for the next school board meeting. Please let me know as to the time and date of the meeting.

I MET WITH OUR LOCAL BOARD AFTER

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MICHAEL E. SAWYER MAYOR

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January 14, 1987

Honorable Governor Elect Guy Hunt State House Montgomery, Al. 36130

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I can not imagine how busy you are right now. I am looking forward, as I mentioned before, to your administration.

Governor Hunt, I received your letter regarding my correspondence to you concerning public smoking laws. I have enclosed a copy of the December 30, 1986 Montgomery Advertiser for you to read if you have time.

Governor Hunt, I have had several occasions before to visit the Governors office but never did. This public smoking (also smoking in 43 public school systems) needs serious attention, so I really feel led that we must meet.

I would be grateful if you would allow me an opportunity to visit with you to discuss this matter, I would be able to meet with you at any time that is convenient for your schedule.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

May God Bless You.

Faithfully,

Michael E. Sawyer Mayor

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Enclosure;

Dale County School Officials Will Study Smoking Issue

By DEB KINER Eagle Staff Writer

OZARK - Midland City Mayor Mike Sawyer is continuing his fight to have smoking prohibited in school systems, and Dale County school officials have agreed to study the issue.

Sawyer approached the Dale County School Board at their recent regular meeting saying, "I'm concerned about the county allowing tobacco in the school system."

He requested that the board adopt a policy to prohibit students and teachers from smoking in the schools.

Leon Dansby, Dale County schools superintendent, explained the current policy concerning smoking. "Principals of the individual schools may designate an area for students who smoke. Those students may smoke in those areas as long as they are 16 or older and have permission from their parents."

Dansby said teachers also have a designated area where they can smoke.

Dansby commented there is a "fine

line between the rights and privivileges of teachers as individuals" and their responsibilities to their students.

Sawyer said if teachers can smoke in school, then students will say "if they can do it, why can't we."

He feels that teachers have a responsibility to set a good example for students and therefore should not smoke in school.

Sawyer also noted that "some Dothan city schools forbid smoking by everyone and out of 130 schools in Alabama, about 83 have a nosmoking policy."

Dansby and board members said that before a policy change is made. due process must be followed. All people affected must be informed and given the opportunity for input. The board will make a study and then ta recommendation on the smoking issue, Dansby said.

Although other schools may have a no smoking policy, Dansby said he wants to contact these schools and find out how effective the new policy has been.

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P.O. Box 55209, Birmingham, Alabama 352
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January 19, 1987

Hon. Michael E. Sawyer, Mayor Town of Midland City P. O. Box 69 Midland City, AL 36350

Dear Mayor Sawyer:

I enjoyed very much having the opportunity to talk with you about the issue of controlling smoking in public places in Alabama. As I stated in the phone conversation, I believe the momentum is changing and that we have an excellent chance of getting a bill through the State Legislature this year.

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum addressed to Jim McVay from Mr. John Wible defining a minor in the state of Alabama. Perhaps the Attorney General will give you a different interpretation but this is the interpretation we received from the State Health Department.

I am also enclosing some sample ordinances that we have collected from various cities relating to restrictions on smoking.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in your deliberations in Midland City.

Sincerely,

James L. Hughes

Executive Director

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Enclosures

Anti-Smoking Meet Slated

An area wide organization meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday to lobby local legislators when they convene in a few days to pass a restriction on cigarette smoking in public facilities, with emphasis on educational buildings. The meeting will be held in the public library at Midland City.

Mayor Mike Sawyer, an organizer of the meeting, says everyone is in-

vited to attend.

Smoking in public facilities is a practice which Sawyer disdains "with passion" and one which he is dedicated to stop if he can rally enough support.

Those who have questions may phone Sawyer at 983-1105 or 983-3511. Tuesday, February 3, 1987 ♦ WIREGRASS TODAY

CIGARETTE SALES

MIDLAND CITY - Minors are no longer be able to purchase cigarettes in Midland City.

Mayor Michael Sawyer has begun a campaign strictly enforcing a state law enacted in 1896 that prohibits the sale, barter, exchange or giving of cigarettes to minors which, according to law, is anyone under the age of 19.

"We sent letters to the merchants Monday and are attempting to send letters through the schools to the kids." Sawyer said. "We start enforcing the law Feb. 3."

The penalties for a merchant's breaking this law are a fine of \$10 to \$50 and/or up to 30 days of hard labor in the county jail.

The mayor plans to ask the town council at tonight's meeting to pass a law prohibiting minors from possessing and using cigarettes within the city limits and police jurisdiction.

He is also going to ask the council to place a \$500 license fee on cigarette vending machines because "it is so hard to

monitor who uses them."

Montgomery, Alabama e Tuesday, February

Mayor Enforces 91-Year-Old noking 1

By JUDY FISH Advertiser Staff Writer

In his effort to MIDLAND CITY curb smoking in public places, the mayor of this Wiregrass city said he will start enforcing a state law that he said has been on the books since

The law that Mayor Mike Sawyer said "was 100 years before its time" prohibits merchants from selling tobacco to minors.

Sawyer said Midland City police visited the city's merchants Monday warning them that starting Tuesday they will be fined if caught selling tobacco to anyone under 19 years old.

The mayor said he is going to propose at Tuesday night's City Council meeting that a city ordinance be adopted that would prohibit minors from possessing or using tobacco products.

"It would be sort of like the alcohol law," Sawyer said.

Sawyer said if the council passes the ordinance, the high school will have to close the smoking area it has for students.

"I contacted (state school) Superintendent Wayne Teague about eliminating smoking areas for students, but he left the decision up to the lo-cal school boards," Sawyer had said earlier,

Sawyer said Monday that he had spoken to Dale County Schools Su-

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perintendent Lean Panster and he felt like stilden kingking was going to be prohibited.

"But I had asked that no smoking be allowed not even teachers, be-cause that sets a bad example. And

Mr. Dansby said he would have to re-search that."

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FEB 1987 BIRMINGHAM NEWS

Midland will enforce 100-year-old tobacco law

MIDLAND CITY (AP) — Mayor Mike Sawyer says an 1856 state law that prohibits the sale of tobacco to minors was "100 years before its time," so he plans to start enforcing the statute.

Midland City police visited the town's shop-keepers on Monday warning them that beginning today, anyone caught selling tobacco products to anyone less than 19 years old will be fined, said the mayor.

Sawyer also said he plans to propose an ordinance at tonight's City Council meeting that would make it illegal for minors to possess or use tobacco.

"It would be sort of like the alcohol law," said the mayor. If the council passes the ordinance, Sawyer said, the local high school will have to close an area in which students are allowed to smoke.

"I contacted (State School) Superintendent Wayne Teague about eliminating smoking areas for students, but he left the decision up to the local school boards," said the mayor. Dale County School Superintendent Leon Dansby has indicated smoking will be prohibited at school, Sawyer said.

Sawyer said his tough stance on the use of tobacco is part of his effort to ban smoking in

public places. He held a town meeting Dec. 29 to drum up support for new legislation that would prohibit smoking in public areas, particularly schools.

"I am not really asking for a ban on smoking, although that would be nice," said Sawyer, who was 11 when his father, a heavy smoker, died of lung cancer. "I just don't want to breathe second-hand smoke anymore."

Sawyer said he also will ask City Council members to pass an ordinance that would call for a \$500 annual license fee for every cigarette vending machine in Midland City.



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February 4, 1987

Ms. Josephine Gullage Town Clerk P. O. Box 69 Midland City, Alabama 36350

Dear Josephine:

Section 11-51-90, Code of Alabama 1975, gives all municipalities in the state the authority to levy a license fee for the privilege of doing business in the municipality. Section 11-51-98, Code of Alabama 1975, gives specific authority to municipalities to levy and collect from persons or firms operating vending machines a license for the privilege of engaging in such business. Although the Code provides no limitation on the amount of said license fee, the courts of our state have ruled in previous decisions that the amount of any such license fee must be reasonable and not confiscatory.

Several interests associated with the tobacco industry have come before the State Legislature during the last two years seeking the passage of legislation which would prohibit all municipal taxation of tobacco products. In lieu of such local taxes, they proposed to have levied and collected a uniform tax statewide with the proceeds divided among the various municipalities of the state. The League has opposed this legislation in the past due to the fact that we are of the opinion that local license fees should be set and established by the local governing body and not by the State Legislature.

It is my understanding that the Town of Midland City is considering a license fee on vending machines of \$500 per machine. It is my opinion that such a fee would not be upheld by the courts on the grounds that a fee of this type would be deemed unreasonable. Further, I feel that such a fee would hinder our ability to fight the uniform tobacco tax legislation in upcoming sessions.

I hope that I have satisfactorily answered your questions. If I can assist further please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Perry C. Roquemore, Jr.

Executive Director



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By MYRA WILKINSON

Staff Writer MIDLAND CITY - The town council refused to support the mayor's campaign against

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Councilman Don Parker agreed saying "I think we have too much more for our police to do than enforce tobacco laws."

Sawyer countered their arguments saying the town could not pick which laws to enforce and which ones not to enforce, and



Wayne Teague State Superintendent of Education State of Alabama

Department of Education

Division of REHABILITATION AND CRIFPLED CHILDREN SERVICE 1127 East South Boulevard Montgomery, Alabama 36199 3801 Telephone (205) 288 0220



Lamona H. Lucas Director

February 4, 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mr. Mike Sawyer

Forrest E. Ramsey

Only Employer

As per our telephone conversation concerning leave, please be advised that you are to obtain prior approval from me before taking annual leave. In relation to sick leave, you should, also, seek my approval when you are aware that sick leave will be needed in advance. You are reminded that you cannot use sick leave for annual leave but that you can use annual leave for sick leave when your sick leave is used up. Any abuse of this policy is subject to dismissal.

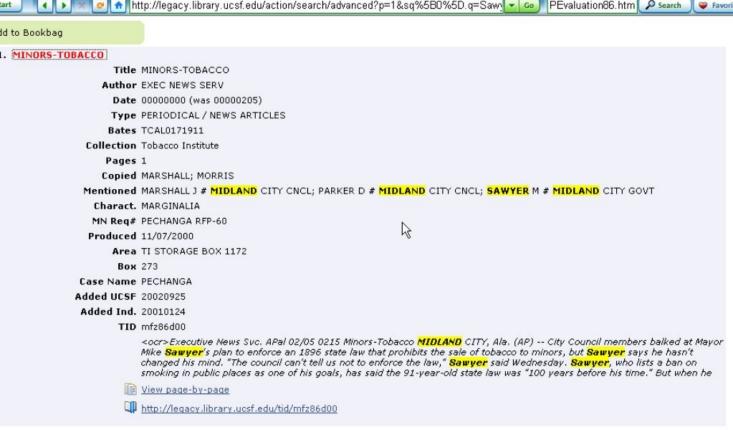
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You are aware of the necessity of this memorandum and I am re-Mondate. questing that you respond to me in writing by Wednesday, February 11, 1987, that you understand and will adhere to these instructions.

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MIDLAND CITY, Ala. (AP) -- City Council members balked at Mayor Mike Sawyer's plan to enforce an 1896 state law that prohibits the sale of tobacco to minors, but Sawyer says he hasn't changed his mind.

"The council can't tell us not to enforce the law," Sawyer said Wednesday.

Sawyer, who lists a ban on smoking in public places as one of his goals, has said the 91-year-old state law was "100 years before his time." But when he made a stand against juveniles smoking, he was standing alone.

Councilman John Marshall argued that Midland City did not have the manpower

to enforce the law.

"We have two policemen and several recent burglaries. Are we going to pull them off those to enforce this?" Marshall asked at a City Council meeting Tuesday night.

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added. Councilman Don Parker agreed with Marsall.

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said. "We don't need to enforce it."

The mayor had planned during the meeting to propose that a city ordinance be adopted that would prohibit minors from using or possessing tobacco products.

"It would be sort of like the alcohol law," he said. Sawyer said he decided against proposing the ordinance, however, and he also did not introduce a proposed \$500 annual license fee for each cigarette vending machine in Midland City.

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ALABAMA

Montgomery, Alabama • Thursday, February 5, 1987

Mayor Is Sole Foe

By JUDY FISH Advertiser Staff Writer

MIDLAND CITY — The mayor of this Wiregrass city has taken a stand on juvenile smoking and at Tuesday's City Council meeting he was standing alone.

Mayor Mike Sawyer said earlier this week that he will start enforcing a state law that prohibits merchants from selling tobacco to minors.

The law that Sawyer said "was 100 years before its time" has been on the books since 1896.

"We have two policemen and several recent burglaries. Are we going to pull them off those (crimes) to enforce this?" Councilman John Marshall asked.

"If our police have time to stand in stores making sure minors don't buy cigarettes, then they don't have enough to do. They don't need a job."

"As the mayor I have to do my part unselfishly," Sawyer told the council. "It's not very popular, It's like stirring up mud in the water."

Sawyer said Midland City police visited the city's merchants Monday warning them that starting Tuesday they will be fined if caught selling to-bacco to anyone under 19 years old.

Of Juvenile Smoking

One mother told the council Tuesday that she gives her 18-year-old son money to buy snuff. "Today a clerk refused to sell it to him, so I went out and bought it for him," she said.

"We'd rather see them dipping snuff than drinking," another mother said.

Councilman Don Parker agreed with Marshall. "We have a state law that prohibits kids from buying it," he said. "We don't need to enforce it."

"The council can't tell us not to enforce the law," Sawyer said Wednesday, adding that he was not surprised by their opposition to his plan.

The mayor said he had planned to propose at Tuesday night's City Council meeting that a city ordinance be adopted that would prohibit minors from possessing or using to-bacco products.

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That proposed city ordinance and a \$500 annual license fee for each cigarette vending machine in Midland City that Sawyer said he was planning to suggest were not voted on at Tuesday's meeting.

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Council Balks At Tobacco Law Enforcement

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Lamona H. Lucas Director

February 10, 1987

Mr. Mike Sawyer Vocational Rehabilitation Service P. O. Box 698 Dothan, AL 36302-1627

Dear Mike:

Please recall Danny McDaniel's and my discussions with you on January 21, 1987, in Dothan regarding your job performance and the need for you to make a decision about seeking other employment in keeping with your interest and abilities. As stated, we do feel that your job performance, including the enthusiasm and commitment, is not adequate to meet the demands and challanges required of a Business Enterprise Representative. The amount of supervision needed to assist you in major and minor issues/problems are beyond that expected from someone who has been with our agency for almost two years. We do feel that you are in the wrong profession and should evaluate your priorities and make a decision and let us know.

We are aware of your strong commitment and enthusiasm being given toward your mayoral, non-smoking, and religious activities, but we do not feel these apply to the degree needed in your responsibilities with our agency. As a matter of fact, your mayoral and non-smoking activities have placed not only you but the agency as well in compromising situations which adversely effects us.

As indicated to you, we realize your need for employment and, as promised, we will be glad to offer you guidance and assistance in choosing and obtaining employment more suitable to your interest and aptitudes.

I am requesting you to respond to me in writing concerning these matters by February 16, 1987.

Sincerely,

Forrest E. Ramsey

Unit Supervisor

Blind and Deaf Services

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c Mrs. Lamona Lucas Mr. Carl Monroe

Mr. Danny McDaniel

Midland mayor

By MYRA WILKINSON

Staff Writer

MIDLAND CITY - Mayor Michael Sawyer resigned his post with the state Department of Education Tuesday, claiming commitnent to his mayoral duties ind his anti-smoking

campaign led superiors to pressure him to resign.

In a press conference in City Hall, Sawyer said he was resigning immediately from his job as Business Enterprise Representative for the Blind with the Rehabilitation and Crippled Children's Service Division. His duties in the

\$17,000-a-year post entailed finding jobs for blind

Sawyer, who said he had held the state job since May 1, 1985, released a Feb. 10 letter from a supervisor citing Sawyer's inadequate job performance, enthuslasm and commitment,

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smoking activities have placed not only you, but the agency as well in compromising situations which adversely affects us," said the letter from his supervisor, Forrest E. Ramsey, unit supervisor, Blind and Deaf Services of the Alabama Department of Education.

The letter, which

mentions "the need for you to make a decision about seeking other employment in keeping with your interests and abilities," said, "We do feel like you are in the wrong profession.

We will be glad to offer you guidance and assistance in choosing an obtaining employment more

suitable to your interests and aptitudes."

Sawyer, who retains the \$100-a-month job as mayor he has held since 1984, said his job performance was graded in November, and he met the state requirements for his position.

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Michael Sawyer

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Sawyer has been actively involved in the promotion of nonsmoking regulations in Midland City and on a statewide basis. He said the agency's "negative feelings" toward him developed only after his non-smoking activities received extensive publicity.

He said he did use two days and two hours of personal and annual leave time on three occasions for his mayoral and nonsmoking activities.

One day was to take a city resident to government agencies to seek help finding housing, and the other times were used for a

television appearance and to attend a meeting of the Coalition. for a Smoke Free Alabama, he

As mayor of Midland City Sawyer had called for the enforcement of a 100-year-old law prohibiting the sale, barter, exchange or giving of cigarettes to

minors.

He also approached the city council about passing a city ordinance to prohibit possession of tobacco by minors, but the council voiced opposition, and no action was taken.

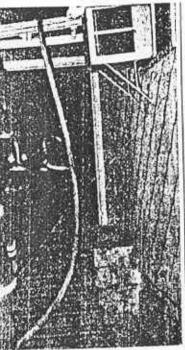
Since November Sawyer has been writing letters, including

one to state Superintendent of Education Dr. Wayne Teague. asking support to make public schools and facilities smoke free.

In a Dec. 22 reply. Teague supported Sawyer's anti-smoking stance, but said, "I do not feel that as State Superintendent of other state employees," Sawyer Education I have the authority to said.

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Ms. Brown

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The program "Postponing Sexual In-volvement, has been taught in the Atlanta school system to eighth graders for five years.

Mrs. Brown said statistics have shown since the establishment of the program a 66 percent reduction in the number of children in gendes who

Campaign Costs Mayor Job

By DANNY LEWIS Eagle State Editor MIDLAND CITY Midland City Mayor Mike Sawyer's commitment to an anti-smoking campaign has cost him a \$17,000 a year state job with the Department of Education Division of Rehabilitation and Crippled Children's Service.

Citing possible pressure from supervisors in connection with his anti-smoking activities. Sawyer announced Tuesday he has resigned his post as Business Enterprise Representative for the Blind for Southeast Alabama.

Sawyer, whose duties included working with 12 blind vending machine contractors in a seven-county Southeast Alabama area since May 1985. cited a letter from his state supervisor. For-rest E. Ramsey, which stated "as a matter of fact, your mayoral and non-smoking activities have placed not only you, but the agency as well in compromising situations which adversely effects us

The letter continued that the agency is "aware of your strong commitment and enthusiasm being given toward your mayoral, non-smoking and religious activities, but we do not feel these apply to the degree needed in your responsibilities with our agency.

Ramsey's letter also noted a Jan. 21 discussion with Sawyer regarding his job perfor-mance and "the need for you to make a decision about recking all employment in keeping with your interest and abilities

'As stated, we do feel that your job perfor-mance, including the enthusinsm and commitment, is not adequate to meet the demands and challenges required of a Business Enterprise Representative.

The amount of supervision needed to assist you in major and minor issues/problems is beyond that expected from someone who has been with our agency for almost two years. We do feel that you are in the wrong profession and should evaluate your priorities and make a decision and let

and assistance in obtaining employment more suitable to your interest and aptitudes.

The letter also asked for a response in writing from Sawyer by Feb. 16.

Hamsey refused comment on the letter Tuesday afternoon, citing confidentiality of personnel matters. A spokesman for state School Supt. Dr. Wayne Teague also declined comment on the letter or Sawyer's resignation.

A spokesman for the state Personnel Department said if Sawyer resigned. he automatically lost all rights to a state appeal or hearing on his job status.

Sawyer, who has been Midfand City's mayor since October 1984, has been pushing his antismoking efforts since late last November.

He said he began the effort after a youngster on his church bus told him it was hard for her to be a Christian because she was being tempted by a smoking area at Dale County High in Midland City,

Questioned about whether he was resign-ing under pressure, Sawyer said "I feel like that there's some there and that the resignation is "something I've been wrestling with a few days.

Sawyer said since an article about his nonsmoking crusade ap-peared Dec. 30 in a Monigomery newspaper, "I have felt a negative spirit from my

He said he was questioned by his immediate supervisor about who he had sent letters to about the issue and how many letters he had sent in connection with the antismoking effort, and was warned by his supervisor not to take per-sonal leave for the

Sawyer said he also attended a Coaliton for a Tobacco Free Alabama meeting on a Friday and was told by his supervisor the following Mon-day that he was "to take no more personal leave for any smoking business.

Sawyer said he used sick leave time for the Friday off, but was told

The letter continued a co-worker he should that agency officials not have used sick leave would offer "guidance" to take time off, contacted his supervisor to change the time off to annual leave, and was told not to use more leave time for the antismoking effort.

Sawyer said he submitted his resignation letter "to protect my stand I have taken and feel with all my heart." Although he said he probably could have taken other actions, Sawyer said he resigned because he felt he should not be defensive about his stand.

Sawyer said in a November review by Ramsey, he had received an acceptable grade under state standards for his position, and that the change appeared to have occurred since his anti-smoking effort began.

Although Sawyer said he had received two letters from Dr. Teague supporting his antismoking campaign and was employed by the Department of Education, Sawyer said he has not contacted Teague about the resignation or actions by his

"I don't know where this spirit has come from in the agency that I was part of," Sawyer said

"I tried to give the state a disciplined. Christian day's work, I may not have been as dedicated as other state employees," Sawyer said. "Its gotten darker since this Advertiser article on Dec. 30."

Sawyer said he wrote a letter Nov. 24 to Dr. Teague asking about banning smoking in all public facilities and asking for his thoughts on the issue and asking for his support for such a bill in the Legislature.

On Dec. 1, Sawyer said he received a reply from Dr. Teague thanking him for his concern and saying he had requested a copy of a similar law in Florida. noting Sawyer's sugges-

tion was meritorious.
Sawyer said Dr.
Teague again wrote him Dec. 22 about the Nov. 24 letter and indicating his support for a nosmoking policy at school facilities

He said the letter stated Dr. Teague felt strongly schools and eilities should

oppose smoking, but he said he had no authority to tell local school boards or officials what to do. However, the letter indicated Dr Teague would support legislation on the issue

Sawyer said he knows Dale County High School still permits smoking in designated areas, and "I feel some of our education people on the payroll should go to cancer research units and get an update training course in health before they try come back and teach our students and try to set an example.

"Tobacco is a dangerous drug. Sawyer said. "I don't think kids need to be exposed to that.

"I'm sure if it was rattlesnakes over there at the high school, which is not going to do the harm of tobacco, they'd have the National Guard down here to kill (the snakes)," Sawyer said.

Sawyer, who earns \$100 per month as Midland City's mayor, said he now hence to work full-time as a youth counselor.

Sawyer said he would follow the same course in his anti-smoking effort again, even if he knew it would cost him his job.

"I didn't want to feel suppressed. I want the people know it's time get in touch with our elected officials and let them know how they feel." Sawyer said, noting some 70 percent of the population does not smoke.

Even though Sawyer's efforts have resulted in his resignation, he said he hopes to have accomplished something by bringing the smoking issue to the public's attention

Sawyer said he lad received comments from other areas since publication of the news articles about his antismoking effort, but has received little comment from Midland City residents.

He said he has visited some area merchants and they are belping in his efforts to stop sale of tobacco to minors even though the city council recently refused to act on an ordinance prohibiting the sale to minors

Dale County School Board Considers New Tobacco Policy

By Nancy Huddleston

The use of tobacco by students, faculty and staff in the Dale County School system may change drastically if the county school board adopts a proposed policy change next month.

The policy change would ban students from using tobacco in any form on school grounds during school hours and would limit where staff and faculty members could use tobacco. The first reading of the policy change was introduced at the Feb. 10 school board meeting and action will be taken at the March 3 meeting on the proposed change.

Specifically, the policy states, "The Dale County School Board does no approve or permit the use or possession of tobacco in any form by students. Upon the first offense, an automatic three

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day suspension will be imposed. The Dale County School Board does not condone or permit school faculty and staff to use tobacco in any form in the presence of students. Staff work rooms and lounges and school offices shall not be used for smoking. Principals may designate a smoking area for faculty members."

Concern over the policy change was voiced by board member Braxton Bell, who said the teachers must set an example for students. "You can't go around telling the faculty they can smoke, then not let the students do it," he said.

Dale County Superintendent Leon Dansby told board memb ers that in setting policy for faculty and staff, they must consider the rights of individuals in the work place. County Attorney Jack Corbitt also noted that in regards to students, the board can set any kind of policy it wants. "When the students are under our charge, we can set guidelines," Corbitt said. "But once they are gone, (from school) there is nothing we can do."

Bell also questioned if there have been any problems at the school with the present policy, which allows students to smoke in designated areas. Dansby answered by saying he wasn't aware of any problems, but that cutting out the use of tobacco completely might create some problems.

The new policy change came about after Midland City Mayor Michael Sawyer approached the board and asked that no smoking be allowed in any county school. A committee made up of teachers, students and parents was formed, and Dansby said it was this group who came up with the suggestions for the policy change.

The school board also heard the first reading of another policy change at the Feb. 10 meeting. This change deals with county school bus drivers and governs the qualifications they must meet in order to drive a bus.

This policy change would require that all school bus drivers and substitute school bus drivers maintain a safe driving record that meets the standards of the school system's insurance com-

Napier Field Pair Plead Not Guilty To Murder

Former Napier Field Police Chief Ruby Thomas and Patricia Phillips pleaded not quilty to charges of murder during their arraignments in Dale County Circuit Court last week.

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The pair is charged with allegedly murdering Napier Field Mayor Herb Beumer in October. The original charge was capital murder, but the Dale County grand jury returned a indictment

asked for a continuance, in addition to pleading not quility.

When Ms. Phillips appeared in court, Attorney Robert Robison presented a motion to dismiss based upon the way her case was presented to the Grand Jury. McLauchlin noted to motion and denied the request.

Both cases were put on the next criminal court docket that

Anti-smoking Issue may cost official his state job

By Michael Jennings News staff writer

MONTGOMERY - The part-time mayor of a Dale County town says his anti-smoking campaign may have cost him his state job.

Michael Sawyer, mayor of Midland City - a town of 2,400 north of Dothan - said Tuesday he was quitting his job with a state program that helps blind adults find work stocking vending machines.

He had helped 12 blind vendors find work in public and private buildings in a seven-county area, he said.

Sawyer, who has held the state job since May 1985, said he got satisfactory performance ratings until this winter, when his efforts to have smoking banned in public places started drawing publicity.

"I feel like somewhere, somebody's been offended by my plan" and has taken arm at the job, said Sawyer, a former school bus driver who was elected Midland City's mayor — a \$100-a-month post — in 1984.

But he admitted he "didn't go beyond the call of duty" in his work. Two blind vendors in his area have accused him of taking too much time away from his iob, he said.

"I really feel like I may not be as dedicated as I should in my job," though "Tye met my quotas," he said.

Sawyer said he has faced mounting criticism from Forrest E. Ramsey, his supervisor in the blind and deaf services division of the State Department of Education. since a Montgomery newspaper published a story on his campaign against public smoking on Dec. 30.

He said he decided to resign after Ramsey gave him a memo last week saying that he was "in the wrong profession" and that his mayoral and anti-smoking activities "have placed not only you but the agency as well in a compromising situation."

Ramsey said Tuesday his sole concern was whether Sawyer's activities caused him to neglect his job.

"It's not the fact that he's campaigning against smoking" that has gotten Sawyer into trouble, Ramsey said. But he noted that Sawyer had proposed a \$500 tax WHILE THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

on cigarette vending machines "that could hurt some (blind) vendors' income."

Sawyer, 34, said he was 11 when his father died of . emphysema - "and I've not forgotten that." He started his recent push for no-smoking laws after he got sick from inhaling smoke at a meeting in November, he said.

Since then, he has called for local enforcement of a law against the sale of tobacco to anyone under the age

Sawyer said he wrote State Superintendent of Education Wayne Teague last Nov. 24 to propose a state law banning smoking in public education facilities. He said Teague wrote twice in response, endorsing the idea.

More than 80 of the state's 129 school systems already forbid smoking on school property, according to Jim McVay, information director for the Alabama Department of Public Health.

After the Dec; 30 newspaper article appeared, Ramsey asked "who all did I write letters to" and whether" any anti-smoking letters were written on state time, said Sawyer, adding that they weren't.

In January, he said, he took leave to appear on a television broadcast and a meeting, both on anti-smoking themes. After that, Ramsey "said that I would not be taking any more leave for smoking business, Sawyer said.

Later, Ramsey and Danny McDaniel, state supervisor of the business enterprise program for the blind, told Sawyer "in a very kind way" that his job was in jeopardy, Sawyer said.

Ramsey declined to comment on several of Sawyer's claims. He said his own smoking habit had nothing to do with his pressure on Sawyer to resign.

"I'm on the verge of trying to quit (smoking) myself Ramsey said.

Sawyer said his purpose in calling a press conference Tuesday wasn't to get his job back but to call attention: to the need for anti-smoking legislation.

He said he'll be looking for a new job - perhaps as a youth counselocs

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Smoking Banned In Dale Schools

By DEB KINER
Eagle Staff Writer
The Dale County School Board
broke new ground" Tuesday

evening when it banned smoking on school property.

The new policy reads: "The Dale County Board of Education does not approve or permit the use or possession of tobacco in any form by students, faculty or sup-

port personnel on school property

during school hours."
The policy will become effective

at the beginning of the 1987-88 school year.

Attorney for the school board, Dale County Assistant District Attorney Jack Corbitt, told the board it can legally adopt the new policy, but he doesn't know of any

school system that bans smoking for students and teachers.

Board Member Braxton Bell felt this policy was better than one where students could not smoke and teachers could. He also said teachers set examples for

children and therefore should not be allowed to smoke when

students are present.

Other board members said they believe the new policy may cause more problems. The police was adopted unanimously, however.

Superintendent Leon Dansby reminded board members that whether they revised the old policy or adopted the new one, the primary concern involved what is best for the health and welfare of the students.

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Editor of The Eagle:

The State of Michigan has a Clean Air Act which, very simply, states that non-smokers (either by choice or by reasons of health) will be provided non-smoking areas in public transportation and restaraunts and buildings, in state and organizationsponsored conferences and in a variety of other environments.

Many of our state's public undergraduate schools do not allow smoking on school property (either inside school buildings or outside on

Thought For Today

"If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of giory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified." 1 Peter 4:14

If you are being persecuted or ostracized for your commitment to Christ, the joy of the Lord will be your strength. Continue to be faithful to Him. W-14-4

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school grounds). These changes occurred without the resigning of state or school officials who were involved in any way with the legislative process that began in the late 1970s.

I have been a witness to the above process since I have lived in Michigan since June 1961 when I graduated from Radford University (then, Radford College, Women's Division of Virginia Polytechnic Institute) in Radford, Va., and began my employment with the Dow Chemical Company as a research chemist.

I am now employed with Dow Corning Corporation as a technical literature analyst: Both of these major industrial corporations have company policies that protect the rights of non-smokers to fresh air in working, meeting and eating areas; these areas are clearly marked with non-smoking signs.

A male employee of the Alabama Department of Education was forced to resign from his state job Feb. 17. this employee, Mr. Mike Sawyer of Midland City, had written to Dr. Wayne Teague, Alabama superintendent of educa-tion, on Nov. 24, 1986, after he (Mr. Sawyer) had been

approached by a high school student who told him about being "tempted" to smoke by people in her school. This student's approach prompted Mr. Sawyer to write to Dr. Teague about the possibility of having an antismoking bill introduced in the Alabama state Legislature.

Initially, Dr. Teague in-dicated he was in favor of such a suggestion. About two months later, however, Mr. Sawyer's state supervisor wrote to him that the agency "felt that he was in the wrong profession and should evaluate your priorities and make a deci-sion and let us know." Mr. Sawyer feit he had no alternative but to resign; he previously had been told that his earned time off from his job should NOT be spent on activities related to non-smoking legislation (which, incidentally, would benefit not only school children but also nonsmoking adults who must work and/or socialize in environments where smoking is presently permitted).

Since the Surgeon General of the United States, as well as national health-related organizations and researchers, have concluded and stated that smoking is hazardous to one's health and that smoke exhaled by smokers is also hazardous to nonsmokers' health, the action of the Alabama school officials seems contrary to the best interests of many

My first typewriter, some years ago, was my mother Corona portable, a little with a flip-flop set of keys. Ma and boy, I stayed with manu typewriters until this pa April, when at last I learned compose directly on an IB personal computer. These day when the talk turns to cor puters, I am now more Cathol

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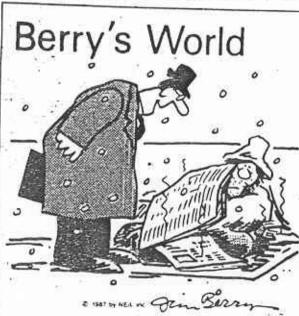
Is it possible that the Alabama officials should be required to reconsider their position and that Mr. Sawyer should be commended for his courageous actions? It appears that these actions should be viewed in their proper persepective by medical and other professional individuals.

Sincerely

Mrs. Sally Ann Sutton 1306 Ohio St. Midland, Mich.

Wrong Hall

Editor of The Eagle: On Feb. 13, 14, several newspapers in the state carried an article that a John "psychologist" named Dr. appe John Hall, who was at one with time employed at the North " Day Alabama Regional Hun Hospital in Decatur, had been involved in a suit



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have sent to Mrs. Sally Ann Sutton of Midland, Mich., in response to a letter she wrote to The Eagle:

Dear Mrs. Sutton: I appreciate the copy of

the letter that you sent to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It is very unfortunate that you misunderstood the

situation with Mr. Sawyer of Midland City.

I have been a strong advocate of the "no smoking movement." As far back as 1960 as a high school principal, I barred smoking of students in school and almost totally eliminated it in a student population of 2.000. While I was superintendent of the city schools in Auburn, the local board of education also passed a "no smoking policy" for all the city schools of Auburn. At this time. I am preparing a resolution to go before the State Board of Education to prevent smoking in schools across the state.

Mr. Sawyer was not forced to resign at all and certainly the fact that he was advocating no smoking would not have been a

factor.

It would be very helpful to those of us who are trying to do something if people like you would get your facts straight before you start firing off letters to the HEW secretary and other people.

Having said that, I still appreciate your position of trying to have a smoke-free society as I am advocating constantly.

Sincerely,

Wayne Teague Supt. of Education Montgomery

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The Honorable Michael E. Sawyer Mayor, Town of Midland City P. O. Box 69 Midland City, Alabama 36350

Dear Mayor Sawyer:

I am writing to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your correspondence relating to a national anti-smoking ordinance. I deeply apologize for the long delay in responding to your letter. I hope you will forgive me.

As you know, some administrative action has taken place already with respect to smoking bans. In addition, many localities are studying anti-smoking bans and ways to address this controversial issue in a fair and equitable manner. I realize that it is a ticklish issue, one that seems to have an equal number of advocates on each side. I am afraid at this time, I could not offer any advice on this issue, Mayor Sawyer.

I naturally have been thinking about the issue of smoking in public places but I have not taken a position on this issue at this date.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Honorable Guy Hunt Govenor of Alabama State Office Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Govenor Hunt:

I wanted to take just a moment to "thank-you" for allowing me an opportunity to address the State Board of Education last Thursday.

Dr. Teague has stated to me that he is preparing a resolution to present at the next State Board meeting in April, that will prevent smoking in schools across the State of Alabama.

I have enclosed some articles regarding smoking and a survey taken by The American Lung Association of Alabama in 1985 seeking the number of public schools systems that have a "Smoke-Free" school system in Alabama.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosures to Dr. Teague and our State Board Members and asking them to support Dr. Teague's resolution that will remove tobacco from the Alabama Public School System.

Govenor Hunt let us hope and pray that this terrible drug that molest and destroys our people will be removed from our youth as soon as possible.

If I can ever be of assistance to you please let me know.

Haithfully, Michael E. Sawyer Mayor

. Enclosures

CC: Alabama State Superintendent of Education Alabama State Board of Education Members The Honorable Duy Hunt Squenor of Alabama State office Montgomery, Al. 36130 Dear Govenor Hunt: Mayor Mike Lawyer of Midland City, El. an the non-smaking felicy that we would like to see adapted by every Board of Education in the State of alabama Please lets not quie les Childre a smoking area in School where they Can go to smoke Cigarette, we surly wouldn't give them an area where they Could go smoke pot, or snift Cocaine or Crake are any other drug they might want to use, but yet we do give them an area where they lan smake agaretts which is just as addiction as any other drug and, just as harmful

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Honorable Michael E. Sawyer Mayor, Town of Midland City P.O. Box 69 Midland City, Alabama 36350

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding my thoughts on a national anti-smoking ordinance. I am pleased to hear from you, and regret that I have no record of having received your first letter in my Washington office. Thank you for following up and giving me the opportunity to respond.

The issue of smoking in public places is one that has received a great deal of attention, as recent medical evidence has indicated that passive smoking (nonsmoker inhaling fumes from a smoker) is hazardous to one's health. Several questions come into play, including: infringing the rights of others, inhibiting the pursuance of one's personal freedoms, and the constitutionality of a federal mandate dictating when and where an individual can practice certain freedoms and privileges.

Many private corporations have designated specific areas on their premises where an employee can smoke, prohibiting smoking elsewhere. The federal government followed suit when the General Services Administration (GSA) issued a directive on February 6, requiring those federal buildings under its jurisdiction to comply with limited smoking guidelines.

Your question of a national mandate is more of a constitutional issue, where, in my opinion, the federal government already involves itself in too many state and individual rights and freedoms. At this time, the U.S. Supreme Court has not included this matter on its agenda, though Congress has one measure pending (S. 51) that would prohibit smoking in public conveyances.

I have asked GSA to provide me with a copy of their report from which they based their no-smoking policy, and will be happy to send it on to you for a more comprehensive understanding of the issues.

Again, I am sorry about the mix-up, and appreciate your past and continued support.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WM. L. DICKINSON

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APRIL 9, 1987 ROOM 200, STATE OFFICE BUILDING MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

- A. Call to order
- B. Invocation
- C. Roll call establishment of a quorum
- D. Approval of minutes of March 12, 1987 meeting
- E. Approval of agenda
- F. Commendations and awards
 - 1. Resolutions commending State Textbook Committee Members
- G. Presentations and delegations
 - 1. Mr. Ellie Glasscox, Superintendent, Shelby County Schools
- H. Public hearings for the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act (on resolutions previously before the Board)
 - Adopt Revision of Regulations Governing Public, Non-Public, Accredited, and Non-Accredited Schools, Time Allotment and Credit Requirements for Secondary Schools
- I. Action items concerning elementary/secondary education
 - Unfinished business
 - Approve Adoption of Textbooks
 - 2. New business
 - Authorize Review of Proposed Teacher Education Program -Livingston University
 - h Physical Pitness Resolution
 - c. A Resolution to Prohibit Smoking on School Campuses

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Mayor Michael E. Sawyer Post Office Box 69 Midland City, Alabama 36350

Dear Mayor Sawyer:

Thank you for contacting me regarding smoking in public places.

Smoking in public places is a most sensitive and controversial health issue. I can understand the concerns that non-smokers have over having to inhale cigarette smoke in public places. At the same time, I am aware of the individual rights of the smoker.

To date, it would seem that the best compromise has been to divide public places into "smoking" and "non-smoking" areas. This is a matter that has not escaped the attention of the 100th Congress. On January 6, 1987 Senator Hatch of Utah introduced S. 51, an act prohibiting smoking in public places. This bill is pending before the Senate Committee on Commerce.

As the 100th Congress seeks a resolution to the conflicts arising out of this issue, I welcome the comments of my constituents.

I appreciate hearing from you. Do not hesitate to contact me on other matters of interest and concern.

Sincerely,

Richard Shelby

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A RESOLUTION TO DISCOURAGE SMOKING BY STUDENTS ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES

WHEREAS, statistics show that more than 300,000 premature deaths that are directly attributable to tobacco use--particularly cigarette smoking--occur each year in this country, and cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of death and disability in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Health and Human Services reported that 30% of Americans smoke and 90% of these smokers started smoking as children and teen-agers; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute reports that today more than 100,000 youth age 12 and under are habitual smokers and more start smoking everyday; and

WHEREAS, one in five, or approximately 20 percent, of high school seniors nationwide are reported to smoke daily, and nearly one-half of high school seniors who smoke a pack a day said they started smoking daily by the ninth grade; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has warned all citizens that cigarette smoking may be hazardous to one's health and has also warned of the harmful effects of sidestream smoke, smoke which is emitted by the burning end of a cigarette which is not inhaled by the smoker, and studies have indicated that passive smoking approximately doubles the risk of lung cancer among nonsmokers: and

WHEREAS, the damage of smoking to the body is accumulative and those who start at an earlier age have a risk factor 20 times higher than nonsmokers for contracting lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, use of smokeless tobacco can be as great a health risk as smoking with increased risk of oral cancer, gum recession, and leukoplakia; and

WHEREAS, a national survey found that 16% of males between the ages of 12 and 17, and 13% of males in the third grade have used smokeless tobacco within the past year; and

WHEREAS, all tobacco products are habit forming; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has the responsibility to ensure a safe, healthy and unpolluted learning environment for all students, and it is appropriate in the educational process to encourage nonsmoking in the elementary and secondary schools before students begin the smoking habit; and

WHEREAS, many school systems throughout the state have fair and effective nonsmoking policies already in place:



State of Alabama Department of Education

State Office Building Montgomery, Alabama 36130



Wayne Teague State Superintendent of Education

May 20, 1987

Mr. Michael E. Sawyer, Mayor Town of Midland City Post Office Box 69 Midland City, Alabama 36350

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

Thank you for your letter of May 16, 1987, inquiring about the status of the resolution before the State Board of Education discouraging smoking by students on school campuses in Alabama. I am pleased to report to you that the State Board of Education adopted the attached resolution at their meeting on Thursday, May 14, 1987.

Please understand that the State Board of Education does not have the authority to require local boards of education to prohibit smoking. However, the resolution strongly encourages local boards to take action in this matter, and I believe most school systems will comply.

Thank you again for your letter and for your interest in the health of the schoolchildren of Alabama.

Sincerely,

Wayne Teague

State Superintendent of Education

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Attachment

Ira L. Myers, M.D., Chairman

Member Agencies

August 18, 1987

Alabama Army National Guard Alabama Citizens Action Committee Alabama Congress of Parents and Teachers Alahama Dental Association Alabama Department of Public Health Alabama Hospital Association Alabama Medicaid Agency Alabama Public Health Association Alabama Retired State Employees Association Alabama State Nurses Association American Cancer Society American Heart Association American Lung Association Baptist Medical Center-Montchir Governor's Commission on Employment for the Handicapped Health Educators Association of Alabama March of Dimes Medical Association of the State

of Alabama

State Department of Education

U.A.B. School of Public Health

The Honorable Mike Sawyer Mayor of Midland City Midland City, AL 36350

Dear Mayor Sawyer:

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Alabama in its most recent meeting passed a resolution to commend you for your efforts to address the objectives of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Alabama.

Your efforts to address tobacco abuse in the state of Alabama are to be commended. We will continue the efforts which you have so valiantly worked toward to provide a tobacco-free environment for our citizens.

Sincerely,

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Ira L. Myers, M.D. Chairman

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COALITION FOR A TOBACCO-FREE ALABAMA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Alabama is unreservedly dedicated to the control and elimination of tobacco abuse in our State, and

WHEREAS, The Coalition favors the use of all ethical and legitimate means to achieve our dedicated objectives, and

WHEREAS, we must be aware of and challenge efforts of those who promote and encourage the use and abuse of tobacco for economic gain while ignoring the serious hazards to health.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Alabama commends the Honorable Mike Sawyer, Mayor of Midland City, for his valiant efforts to promote better health through moderation of tobacco use and for attempting to achieve the objectives of this Coalition.

Dra L. Myers

Ira L. Myers, M.D. Chairman

Jim McVay Secretary

July 10, 1987