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## LAIRD HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with November anniversary dates for their years of service. Hank Laird of Ridgeland was recognized for providing 25 years of service. Laird works in the Personnel Department at the hospital and is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Service Awards are given to employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with five years and every fifth year following. Employees receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Service Award Pin. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital Inc.

MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Hank Laird