

## **Michael James (Jimmy) Wright**

### **Education**

Bachelor of Science Business Administration, 1999

Auburn University Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama

### **Professional Experience**

Wright's Markets Inc.

President 2002-Present

- Owner of Independent Supermarket
- Responsibility for store operations, merchandising, marketing, human resources, loss prevention and financial performance.
- Oversight of community involvement initiatives

Wright 2U

- Ecommerce fresh food shopping and delivery program
- First Independent Grocer in the United States to launch online SNAP program

Wright Food Solutions

- Consulting services working with food retailers, wholesalers, non-profits, and community development groups in the areas of food access and food security

### **Skills and Qualifications**

- Team Leadership
- Community Involvement
- Supermarket Operations
- Supermarket Industry Advocate

### **Awards and Honors (Industry)**

- Blue Ribbon Award US Chamber of Commerce – 2014
- Blue Ribbon Award US Chamber of Commerce – 2016
- Community Excellence Award US Chamber – 2016
- Community Excellence Award Progressive Grocer Magazine - 2016
- Alabama Grocers Association Spirit of Alabama – 2018
- Alabama Retailer of the Year – 2019

### **Awards and Honors (Community)**

- Community Service Award Opelika Jaycees – 2007
- Community Service Award Opelika Rotary Club – 2009
- Opelika Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Opelika – 2015
- Martin Luther King Dream Day Award – 2016
- Community Service Award Concerned Citizens of Opelika – 2017
- Opelika Lions Club Melvin Fellows Award – 2017
- Opelika Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year – 2017
- Alabama Lions Club Aubrey Green Humanitarian Award – 2018

### **Publications and Presentations**

- United States House of Representatives Agriculture Committee  
Testimony concerning USDA SNAP Program – 2016
- United States Senate Agricultural Committee  
Testimony concerning USDA SNAP Program – 2017

### **Professional Affiliations and Associations (Community)**

- Food Bank of East Alabama – Board of Directors
- Hunger Solutions Institute – Advisory Board
- East Alabama Medical Association – Board of Directors
- Opelika Housing Authority – Commissioner
- Bancorp South – Community Advisory Board

### **Professional Affiliation and Associations (Business)**

- Alabama Grocers Association – Board of Directors
- Alabama Retail Association – Board of Directors
- National Grocers Association – Past Board of Directors