



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. JBE 2016 – 08

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF TO HONOR
SENATOR EDGAR “SONNY” MOUTON***

- WHEREAS,** former Louisiana State Representative and State Senator Edgar “Sonny” Mouton, died on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at the age of 86;
- WHEREAS,** Edgar “Sonny” Mouton represented Lafayette as a legislator for sixteen years, beginning with his election to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1964 and subsequent election to the Twenty-Third District for the Senate in 1966, serving as president pro-tem of the Senate from 1976 to 1980;
- WHEREAS,** Senator Mouton served in multiple leadership roles in the legislature, as Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare; Vice-Chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee; member of the Governor’s Committee on Reorganization of State government; and as a member of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee;
- WHEREAS,** Senator Mouton served as a powerful voice supporting French immersion studies, playing an instrumental role in the passage of legislation in 1968 creating CODOFIL, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, the aim of which is to preserve the use of the French language in the State of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** within the state legislature, he was known for his commitment to improving infrastructure and working across party lines, and within his community, he was known for his leadership and dedication;
- WHEREAS,** his civic and public service achievements were recognized at his induction into the “Order of Living Legends” in 2003 and the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Mouton was a truly dedicated public servant and he will be remembered for making Louisiana a better place.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: As an expression of respect for Senator Edgar “Sonny” Mouton, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all public buildings and institutions of the State of Louisiana until sunset on Monday, March 28, 2016.

SECTION 2:

This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Monday, March 28, 2016, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded prior to that date.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 28th day of March, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

SECRETARY OF STATE