

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 51

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY D. LONG, SR.

- WHEREAS,** former state representative Jimmy D. Long, Sr. died on August 9, 2016, at the age of 84;
- WHEREAS,** a seven-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, Representative Long was a business owner and cattleman in Natchitoches for more than a half-century;
- WHEREAS,** Representative Long served eight consecutive terms in the House of Representatives from 1968 through 2000, during which time he served as chairman of the House Education Committee for 16 years and also held membership on the House Appropriations Committee and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee;
- WHEREAS,** he received wide respect from his colleagues in the House of Representatives for his commitment to public service, personal integrity and leadership abilities, where he held the title “Dean of the Legislature”;
- WHEREAS,** in 2001, Representative Long was appointed to sit on the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors, where he served for 15 years, including two years as board chair;
- WHEREAS,** he received many awards throughout his life, a few of which include recognition by the Shreveport Times as one of the “100 Most Influential People of the Century” in Northwest Louisiana; a Lifetime Service Award in Education from the State Board of Regents for Higher Education; induction into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame; the Friends of Education Award from the Louisiana Association of Educators; named a Louisiana Legend by the Friends of Louisiana Legend by the Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting; and the G.O. McGuffie Public Servant Award from the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation;
- WHEREAS,** while he was known for his commitment to Northwestern State University and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, he was widely known as an expert in the field of education law, respected not only for his knowledge and insight, but also for his ability to succinctly explain and articulate issues; and
- WHEREAS,** Representative Long’s passion for public service and his commitment to improving education within the State of Louisiana will be missed, but his legacy will be felt for generations.

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 and to honor Representative Jimmy D. Long, Sr., the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol on Friday, August 12, 2016.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Friday, August 12, 2016.



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 10th day of August, 2016.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**



SECRETARY OF STATE