



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2020 – 24

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – VICTOR AND TERRY STELLY

- WHEREAS,** Victor “Vic” Stelly, a distinguished former member of the Louisiana Legislature, died at the age of 79 on Saturday, December 26, 2020;
- WHEREAS,** shortly after his death, Mrs. Terry Bass Stelly, his loving wife of 60 years, joined him in passing from this earth;
- WHEREAS,** they are survived by their daughters, Tracy and Toni; their son, Victor; grandchildren, Lance, Georgia, Hannah, Hayden, Hogan, Henry, and Emma; and their great-grandchildren, Hudson, Truett, Faith, and Lyn;
- WHEREAS,** Vic Stelly graduated with his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern State University in 1962, and he went on to receive his master’s from Louisiana State University in 1965; the couple met while attending Northwestern, and they married while still attending the university;
- WHEREAS,** after graduating from college, Vic Stelly began a career of serving his community and his state as a football coach at Broadmoor and Redemptorist High Schools, then at McNeese State University from 1970 to 1974; he further served as a member of the Calcasieu Parish School Board from 1983 to 1987; Terry spent her career serving their community working in their District Attorney’s office;
- WHEREAS,** first elected to state office in the fall of 1987, Vic Stelly served his state for four terms in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1988 to 2004, and he was well-known throughout the state as the standard-bearer of a movement to reform the state’s taxation system to fund essential priorities, authoring the “Stelly Plan,” which was approved by the legislature and the voters of the state in a 2002 constitutional amendment;
- WHEREAS,** a lifelong champion of education, Vic Stelly further served his state as a member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education from 2007 to 2012, during which time he fought against budget cuts which he saw as disastrous to the state’s higher education system; in honor of his lifelong service to Louisiana, he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2006;
- WHEREAS,** the Stellys were truly pillars of their community of Moss Bluff and beloved by many throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS,** Victor “Vic” Stelly and Terry Bass Stelly lived their lives with integrity and honor, and their contributions to the State of Louisiana, and his service as a public servant and lawmaker, will long be remembered.

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 Victor “Vic” Stelly and Terry Stelly, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol until sunset on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Thursday, December 31, 2020.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 30th day of December, 2020.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

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