

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-044

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
REPRESENTATIVE BILLY WAYNE “COACH” MONTGOMERY***

WHEREAS, former Louisiana legislator Billy Wayne “Coach” Montgomery passed away on April 14, 2025, following a lifetime of service to the people of his community;

WHEREAS, he was born on July 7, 1937, to George and Verda Montgomery in Provencal, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Provencal High School and Northwestern State University, and pursued higher education at Louisiana Technical University, earning his master’s degree and beyond;

WHEREAS, he honorably served our nation in the United States Army from 1959-1964;

WHEREAS, he taught and coached for many years at Haughton High School, leading the basketball teams to the state championship game several times, winning twice, and coaching the team to many victories over his years there;

WHEREAS, he also coached for Lafayette High with a successful record;

WHEREAS, he served Haughton High School as assistant principal and retired as the principal;

WHEREAS, he spent 20 years serving Bossier Parish as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, he was known to build non-partisan coalitions and was known for his advocacy across many areas;

WHEREAS, his efforts were vital for obtaining state funding for a \$60 million campus for Bossier Parish Community College, for expanding Interstate 49 in North Louisiana, and he was also instrumental in helping to construct the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum in Natchitoches;

WHEREAS, following his service to our state as a legislator, he continued his public service as a legislative liaison and project manager for the Bossier Parish Police Jury from 2008 – 2021;

WHEREAS, he also served as chairman of the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, serving as its chairman;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his work, the Haughton High School basketball court and Bossier Parish Community College basketball court was named in his honor;

WHEREAS, he received numerous accolades and honors throughout his lifetime, including induction into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame, induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame as the 2011 recipient of the Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award, induction into the Ark-La-Tex Museum of Champions, induction into the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, induction into the Long Purple Line, Alumni Hall of Distinction at Northwestern, the Distinguished American award from the North Louisiana chapter of the National Football Foundation, “Mr. Louisiana Basketball” in 2009 by the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches, “A Leader of the Century” in 2002 by the Shreveport Times, and the International Police Award in 1990;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his legacy of service, leadership, and passion for education and athletics, in addition to his lifetime of service to his community;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his significant other, Susan M. Jordan; sons, Kipper W. Montgomery and wife, Dawn, and Trever Montgomery and significant other, Tara Illies; granddaughter, Grace Ann Montgomery; grandson, William Wolf, and wife, Kaitlyn; great-granddaughter, Ophelia Rose Wolf; granddaughter, Anna Marie Wolf; brothers, Doyle Montgomery, and wife, Penny, and Ronny Montgomery; sister, Dorothy Nichols, numerous nieces and nephews and first wife, Gwendolyn Duke.

WHEREAS, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many outstanding contributions to our state.

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

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Representative Billy Wayne “Coach” Montgomery, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise until sunset on April 22, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset,

April 22, 2025.



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 21st of April, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Landry', is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Landry', is written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE