

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## EXECUTIVE ORDER 1371

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, Mississippi lost a respected businessman and public servant with the passing of Jack R. Reed, Sr., at the age of 91; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Reed was born in Tupelo, on May 19, 1924, and attended Tupelo Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving in World War II, Mr. Reed graduated from Vanderbilt University, and from New York University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reed returned to Tupelo to help run his family's businesses, including a department store founded by his father in 1905 and a garment factory; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past several decades, Mr. Reed served as Chairman of the Board of R. W. Reed Co. and devoted much of his time and energy to his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reed was chosen Tupelo's Outstanding Citizen in 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a member of the State Board of Education for ten years, serving five as Chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reed was appointed by President George H. W. Bush as the Chairman of the National Advisory Council on Education; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as Chairman of the Mississippi Economic Council in 1963-1964 and remained on the MEC's Board of Governors until his death; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reed is survived by his wife of 52 years, Frances, four children: Jack Reed Jr., Camille Sloan, Catherine Dale Mize, Scott Reed; twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Jack Reed:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order the State Flag on all public buildings and grounds in Tupelo, Mississippi, fly at half-staff beginning immediately and ending at sunset on Saturday, January 30, 2016, in memory of Mr. Jack R. Reed, Sr.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 29th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

Handwritten signature of Phil Bryant in blue ink.

PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. in blue ink.

C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE