WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 4, 2014, Mississippi lost a respected statesman with the passing of State Senator Terry W. Brown at 64 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brown was born in Columbus, Mississippi, in 1950; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from New Hope High School, he attended the East Mississippi Junior College where he played football for the Lions; and

WHEREAS, after serving six years in the United States Army, he attended Delta State University and Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1988 and served until 2000; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brown was elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 2004 and was confirmed as Senate President Pro Tempore in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brown played a vital role in the Golden Triangle’s economic development success. During his more than 20 years as legislator for the Columbus area, he was instrumental in landing major employers for the region; and

WHEREAS, he was a strong advocate for Columbus Air Force Base and led efforts to prevent its closure; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with Senator Brown’s wife, Andra, and his sons, Andrew Cody, Charles “Chas” Randolph and Terry Wayne “Boomer” Jr., as well as other family and friends:

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 proclaim a period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction beginning at sunrise on Saturday, September 6, 2014, and ending at sunset on Monday, September 8, 2014, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, STATE SENATOR TERRY W. BROWN.

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 5th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE