EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1293

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2012, Mississippi lost a respected statesman with the passing of former State Senator Ezell G. Lee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lee was a native of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lee is survived by four children: Dodd, Phillip, Gay and Gina and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lee was a Korean War Veteran, a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard and a school administrator, teacher and coach; and

WHEREAS, he was first elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1988 where he served for four years and in 1992 was elected to the Mississippi State Senate where he served for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Senator Ezell G. Lee;

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 the State Flag on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction fly at half staff, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Saturday, May 26, 2012, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, former State Senator Ezell Lee.

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 25th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE