

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1453

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Mississippi lost a respected leader with the passing of William J. (Billy) McCoy, former Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Billy McCoy was born on August 14, 1942, and was a native of Rienzi, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Billy McCoy was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives where he served as Speaker from 2004 until his retirement from the Legislature in January 2012; and

WHEREAS, Billy McCoy, farmer and former teacher, was a strong supporter of public education and during his tenure in the House served as chairman of the Education Committee and the Ways & Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in passing momentous legislation dealing with education, highways, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with his wife, Edith, his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other family members and many 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 Thursday, November 14, 2019, and ending at sunset on Friday, November 15, 2019, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant and a good man, William J. (Billy) McCoy.

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 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Bryant".

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.".

C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE