



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-050**

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***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
EDGERTON LEWIS “BUBBA” HENRY***

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**WHEREAS**, former Louisiana legislator Edgerton Lewis “Bubba” Henry passed away on April 23, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, he was born on February 10, 1936, in Jonesboro, Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, he was married to Frances Turner Henry for 67 years. They have two children, Patrick E. Henry and Lori Henry Taylor, and two beloved granddaughters, Mary Elizabeth Gordon and Mona;

**WHEREAS**, he is a graduate of Baylor University and Louisiana State University Law School;

**WHEREAS**, he served in the Legislature with honor and distinction over a twelve-year period, from 1968 until 1980;

**WHEREAS**, he was part of the “Young Turks,” a group of legislators committed to bringing reform to the Louisiana Legislature;

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, he was elected as Speaker of the House and later succeeded himself as Speaker;

**WHEREAS**, he instituted lasting reform in the Legislature, including establishing committee staff, the legislative fiscal staff, publishing committee schedules and agendas, and more to increase efficiency and transparency in state government;

**WHEREAS**, he served as chairman of the 1973-1974 Constitutional Convention, which created the new Louisiana Constitution of 1974;

**WHEREAS**, he received numerous awards and recognition for his work, including receiving honors from the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures and from President Gerald Ford in the Oval Office;

**WHEREAS**, after leaving the Legislature, he continued to serve our state as Commissioner of Administration from 1980 to 1984;

**WHEREAS**, as Commissioner of Administration, he helped plan for the State Capitol Complex to consolidate state offices near the State Capitol;

**WHEREAS**, outside of state government, he served his community in many roles, including but not limited to the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Council for a Better Louisiana, the Public Affairs Research Council, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, Boys Hope and Girls Hope, Louisiana Appleseed, and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank;

**WHEREAS**, he was a man of faith and was devoted to University Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon and Trustee;

**WHEREAS**, following his career in government, he became a partner at Adams & Reese and founded the firm's Government Relations practice;

**WHEREAS**, he was known for his humor, wit, and intelligence, which he used to serve the state, calling himself a "humble country lawyer;"

**WHEREAS**, he will be remembered for his legacy of service, leadership, and serving as a model of statesmanship who truly embodied Louisiana;

**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 E.L. "Bubba" Henry, 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 26 and April 27, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset,  
April 27, 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 25<sup>th</sup> of  
April, 2025.

  
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Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE

  
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Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE