

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2023-1

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH LOUIS ODINET, SR.

- WHEREAS,** Kenneth “Ken” Louis Odinet, Sr., a former distinguished member of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, died on December 30, 2022, at the age of 92;
- WHEREAS,** he is survived by his wife of 68 years, Rosemary “Rosie” Odinet, and their thirteen children; their seven sons, Kenneth, Jr., Nicholas, John, Bertrand, Robert, Christopher, and Michael; and six daughters, Mary Lynn, Jude, Amy, Veronica, Rebecca, and Rosemary (“Rodi”); many adoring grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and countless friends;
- WHEREAS,** born the son of Bertrand Louis Odinet and Mary Veronica Hammel Odinet in Arabi, Louisiana, in 1930; he went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University;
- WHEREAS,** he honorably served his nation overseas in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, receiving a Bronze Star and a Korean Presidential Citation for his bravery and valor; he returned home to build a renowned and thriving engineering business;
- WHEREAS,** he served his state and his home of southeastern Louisiana in the Louisiana House of Representatives for twenty years, first taking office in 1988;
- WHEREAS,** perhaps no one more fully embodied the LSU Tiger spirit than Odinet, and he and Rosie received recognition from LSU in 1996 for having the greatest number of LSU graduates in one family when their thirteenth child graduated; and
- WHEREAS,** Kenneth Louis Odinet, Sr., lived a life of great faith, integrity, and honor, and his service as a public servant and lawmaker to the State of Louisiana will long be remembered.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Kenneth Louis Odinet, Sr., 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 Friday, January 6, 2023.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, January 6, 2023.

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 5th day of January, 2023.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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