

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2022-15

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – RONALD J. GOMEZ, SR.

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Gomez, Sr., a former distinguished member of the Louisiana Legislature, died on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the age of 87;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Carol A. Ross; his three children, Nanette, Ronald (“Jimmie”), and Laurence; six grandchildren, Erik, Richelle, Jesse, Crystal, Bryan, Brittany; and three great-grandchildren, Kassie, Jaydon, and Brendan;

WHEREAS, born in 1934 in Baton Rouge, Gomez attended LSU in 1952 before leaving to serve his nation honorably in the United States Air Force; he later attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now UL) before embarking on a storied career in broadcasting and business;

WHEREAS, he served his adopted home of Lafayette his entire adult life, as president of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce in 1978; he further served his state and his home of Lafayette in the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature for eight years, from 1980 to 1989, fighting tirelessly to represent the interests of the people of his district, and he proudly accomplished his goal of creating a more robust athletic facility for his district with the creation of the Cajundome; in 1989 he was chosen by Governor Buddy Roemer to serve as Secretary of Natural Resources;

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Gomez, Sr., lived a life of faith, integrity, and honor, and his service as a public servant and lawmaker to the State of Louisiana and the United States 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 Ronald J. Gomez, 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 Friday, July 15, until sunset on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, July 16, 2022.



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 15th day of July, 2022.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

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