

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2023-2

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH RAYMOND LALONDE, SR.

WHEREAS, Joseph Raymond “Lala” Lalonde, Sr., a former distinguished member of the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature, died on December 30, 2022, at the age of 82;

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Evelyn Mae Cathey Lalonde, son Joey, and grandson Patrick; he is survived by three children and their spouses: Julie, Cindy, and Marcel; six grandchildren, Bryce, David, Ellen, Emma, Ella, and Elyse; and one great-grandson, Erik; as well as his sisters Norma and Grace;

WHEREAS, born in 1940 in a two-room wooden house in Pecanière, Louisiana, in St. Landry Parish, Lalonde grew up in a primarily francophone farming community; after graduating from high school, he honorably served his nation for four years in the United States Air Force;

WHEREAS, Lalonde earned a Bachelor’s of Science in mathematics from the University of Texas at Arlington; and he later earned a Master’s of Science in Industrial Education from LSU; after he started his career in Texas, his love of Louisiana and Cajun French culture compelled him to return home to embark on a long and storied 29-year career as an educator;

WHEREAS, he served his state and his home of Acadiana in the Louisiana House of Representatives for sixteen years, first taking office in 1980; chief among his priorities throughout his career of public service was the preservation and support of Cajun French culture; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Raymond “Lala” Lalonde, Sr., lived a life of 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 Joseph Raymond “Lala” Lalonde, 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 Saturday, January 7, 2023.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, January 7, 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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