



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2022-6

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – SENATOR SYDNEY BANKS NELSON

WHEREAS, Sydney Banks “Syd” Nelson, a former distinguished member of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, died on January 10, 2022, at the age of 86;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Gail Anderson Nelson, daughter Denise Dawn Nelson Akers, son Sydney Stephen Nelson, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, as well as many extended family and dear friends;

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Oklahoma on a Naval ROTC scholarship, and earned a degree in accounting; after proudly serving his nation in the United States Navy, he attended the Louisiana State University Law Center, excelling in his studies before embarking upon a successful and storied career as a preeminent attorney in the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he served his state and his home of Northern Louisiana in the Louisiana State Senate for twelve years, first taking office in 1980; he is widely remembered for showing such strength of character during his tenure of service that he earned the moniker the “Conscience of the Senate;” and

WHEREAS, Sydney Banks “Syd” Nelson lived a life of tremendous 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 Sydney Banks “Syd” Nelson, 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 Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, February 9, 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 8th day of February, 2022.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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