

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-88

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – REPRESENTATIVE JOHN EDDIE GUINN

WHEREAS, John Eddie Guinn, a former distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, passed away on June 17, 2024;

WHEREAS, he was born on December 27, 1952, in Jennings, Louisiana to Loyd and Marcelette Guinn and had five brothers, Loyd George, Andrew Lee, James Paul, Timothy Jude, and Peter;

WHEREAS, he attended Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic School and graduated from Jennings High School in 1971;

WHEREAS, after high school, he worked on the Kansas City Railroad, worked in various construction jobs, and started Guinn Dirt Service;

WHEREAS, in December of 1977, Johnny married his loving wife Rosalie and together they had 10 children, 22 grandchildren, and one great grandchild in their 46 years of marriage;

WHEREAS, he lived a life of public service, including serving as chairman of the Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board, serving as a police juror for District 5 from 1999-2007, and serving in the Louisiana House of Representatives as the representative for District 37 for 12 years;

WHEREAS, he used his auctioneering skills to contribute to charitable causes in our community and fundraising events, and as a legislator, he received numerous recognitions for his legislative work. He worked especially hard for legislation on behalf of families.

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Rosalie Conner Guinn, his 10 children-John (Kym) Guinn, Michael (Kallie) Guinn, Grant (Jennifer) Guinn, Valerie (Aaron) Gillespie, Elizabeth (William) Precht, Daniel (Meagan) Guinn, Rosalie (John) Ange, Catherine (Geoffrey) Lafargue, Conner Guinn, and Juliana Guinn (Fiancée- Thomas Pousson). Survivors also include his 22 grandchildren who adored their "Poppa Johnny"; his four brothers Loyd George (Sandra) Guinn Jr., Andrew Lee (Kelly) Guinn, James Paul (Laurie) Guinn, and Timothy Jude (Renate) Guinn; sisters-in-law, Pam Guinn and Valerie Jean Conner (Stan Makielski);

WHEREAS, he was a warm and loving father, grandfather, and friend to so many and will be remembered for always bringing a smile and a laugh to everyone he encountered.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, 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 John Eddie Guinn, 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 June 24, 2024.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, June 24, 2024.



ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana on this 21st day of June 2024.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

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