

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2024-34

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of John M. Spratt, Jr., who previously served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1983 to 2011, representing the State’s Fifth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dutiful service as a member of the United States House of Representatives, including his service as chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget, John M. Spratt, Jr. previously served the State of South Carolina as a county and school district attorney and in various other state and local capacities; and

WHEREAS, prior to his distinguished public service, John M. Spratt, Jr. served honorably in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, John M. Spratt, Jr. was a dedicated public servant, principled leader, true statesman, tireless advocate for his State and his constituents, accomplished attorney and businessman, and devoted husband, father, and family man, and his passing warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Title 4, Section 7(m) of the United States Code, as amended, provides that “[i]n the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, . . . the Governor of that State . . . may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff”; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “the flags which are flown atop the State Capitol Building must be lowered to half-staff on the day on which funeral services are conducted” “[t]o honor and pay tribute to . . . current and past members of the United States Congress from the State of South Carolina.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and of these United States and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order that the flags atop the State Capitol be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, in honor of John M. Spratt, Jr. and in recognition of his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 17th DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2024.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State