WHEREAS, Sebastian “Buster” John Guzzardo, Sr., a former distinguished member of the Louisiana Legislature, died on November 26, 2021, at the age of 98;

WHEREAS, he was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Sara Campo Guzzardo; he is survived by their six children, B.J. Guzzardo, Jr., Jerome, Madelene, Ann, Lorraine, and Sara; 17 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter, as well as numerous nieces and nephews;

WHEREAS, a member of the Greatest Generation, he proudly and heroically served his nation during World War II, serving in the United States Army from 1943 to 1945; his decorated service included the Battles of Monte Cassino, Anzio, and the Battle of the Bulge, as well as the liberation of Holocaust concentration camps;

WHEREAS, he had a long and distinguished career in public service in Louisiana, first serving as an Alderman in Independence, then as a Deputy Sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish, a state lawmaker, then a Regional Supervisor for state agencies before his retirement;

WHEREAS, he served his state and his home of Tangipahoa Parish in the Louisiana Legislature for nine years, first taking office in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Sebastian “Buster” John Guzzardo, Sr.’s community leadership and public service as a 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 Sebastian “Buster” John Guzzardo, 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 Friday, December 3, 2021.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, December 3, 2021.

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 1st day of December, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

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