



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-115**

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
REPRESENTATIVE LEO WAYNE WADDELL***

WHEREAS, former Louisiana legislator Leo Wayne Waddell passed away on October 3, 2025;

WHEREAS, he was born on October 14, 1948, in Shreveport, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he was married to his wife Susan, the love of his life, for 54 years, and together they had 2 sons, Greg and Riley;

WHEREAS, he was the proud owner of Waddell's Gallery of Distinction and Louisiana Molding and Supply, Inc. for 53 years and became a fixture of the community renowned for his exceptional eye for color and design;

WHEREAS, he was a devoted public servant, who committed his life to public service, serving in many public service roles;

WHEREAS, he began his public service career by serving on the Caddo Parish Commission;

WHEREAS, he was elected to three terms to the Louisiana State House of Representatives, where, he applied his servant's heart to advocate for the betterment of the community and, due to his years of service, earned the title of Dean of the House;

WHEREAS, he later continued to serve the state as Executive Director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, displaying his passion for people, history and the arts;

WHEREAS, he served his community in many ways, including as a member of the Cedar Grove Masonic Lodge, El Karubah Shrine, Downtown Shreveport Rotary Club, and the Louisiana State Fair Board, where he made many lifelong friends;

WHEREAS, he served both the community and the church as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church and exemplifying faith and devotion;

WHEREAS, his greatest joy was his family, and his humor, warmth, and kindness left an indelible mark on all who knew him;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his humility, work ethic, leadership, and passion, in addition to his lifetime of service to his community;

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver Leo Waddell and wife Martha Leiendecker, and his sister, Lola Jane Mayo, and he is survived by his beloved wife, Susan Simpson Waddell; sons, Greg Waddell and wife Lindsay, and Riley Waddell and wife Amanda; grandchildren, Harper and Oliver; nephews, Steven Mayo and partner Kharla Barrios, and Kevin and Catrina Mayo; and great-nephew, Zach Mayo;

WHEREAS, Louisiana is indebted to him for his decades of leadership and enduring contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Representative Leo Wayne Waddell, 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 October 9, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, October 9, 2025.



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 7th day of October, 2025.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE