



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

**WHEREAS:** Today, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of the Honorable George Busbee, the seventy-seventh Governor of our State; and

**WHEREAS:** Governor Busbee was born in Vienna, Dooly County Georgia on August 7, 1927; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1949, he married the State's future First Lady, the lovely Mary Elizabeth Talbot, and the couple shared over 50 years of wedded bliss and had 4 children together; and

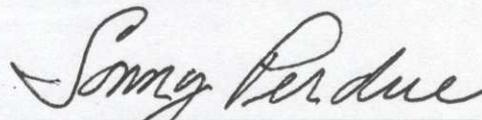
**WHEREAS:** Governor Busbee devoted eight years of service to this great State as Governor and decades more as a member of the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS:** Governor Busbee was admired for his low-key leadership while exhibiting a sense of humor and wit that was unmatched and was a man of integrity with whom I shared a professional and personal relationship; and

NOW THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF GOVERNOR GEORGE BUSBEE AND HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

**ORDERED:** That the flags on all state buildings throughout the State of Georgia be flown at half-staff for a period of mourning beginning immediately and lasting until sunset the day of Governor Busbee's interment.

This 16th day of July 2004

  
GOVERNOR