STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1315

WHEREAS, on Monday, February 4, 2013, Mississippi lost a respected statesman with the passing of Representative Joe C. Gardner; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gardner was a native of Batesville, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gardner is survived by his wife, the former Ella Graham and his daughter, Chandra; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gardner was first elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 2007 where he served until his death; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gardner served as Chairman of the House Ethics Committee, former Vice Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and a member of the committees on Conservation and Water Resources, Constitution, Education, Judiciary B, Military Affairs, Municipalities and the Select Committee on Railway Development; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gardner was former fire chief of the Red Hill Fire Department, retired school administrator, former trustee and vice chairman of the South Panola School Board, United States Army Reserve retiree and CEO of Gardner Institute, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Representative Joe C. Gardner:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim a period of official mourning in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order the State Flag on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction fly at half staff, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset on Sunday, February 10, 2013, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, Representative Joe D. Gardner.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 8th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

Phil Bryant

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.

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SECRETARY OF STATE