

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1318

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 24, 2013, Mississippi lost a respected member of the Mississippi Legislature, with the passing of Representative Jessica Sibley Upshaw; and

WHEREAS, Representative Upshaw was a resident of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Representative Upshaw earned bachelor of business administration and juris doctorate degrees at the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Representative Upshaw is survived by her daughter, Lauren Upshaw Welch; son-in-law, Thomas Stewart Welch; grandson, Porter Robert Welch, mother, Sandra Saunders Sibley; and sister, Faye Carole Sibley Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Representative Upshaw was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 2004, where she served until her death; and

WHEREAS, Representative Upshaw served as Chair of the Conservation and Water Resources Committee, as well as serving on various other committees; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this State are with the family and friends of Representative Jessica Upshaw:

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 Saturday, March 30, 2013, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, Representative Jessica Upshaw.

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 28th day of March, 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
GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:



C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE