

State of Louisiana



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-050**

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
EDGERTON LEWIS “BUBBA” HENRY***

WHEREAS, former Louisiana legislator Edgerton Lewis “Bubba” Henry passed away on April 23, 2025;

WHEREAS, he was born on February 10, 1936, in Jonesboro, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he was married to Frances Turner Henry for 67 years. They have two children, Patrick E. Henry and Lori Henry Taylor, and two beloved granddaughters, Mary Elizabeth Gordon and Mona;

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Baylor University and Louisiana State University Law School;

WHEREAS, he served in the Legislature with honor and distinction over a twelve-year period, from 1968 until 1980;

WHEREAS, he was part of the “Young Turks,” a group of legislators committed to bringing reform to the Louisiana Legislature;

WHEREAS, in 1972, he was elected as Speaker of the House and later succeeded himself as Speaker;

WHEREAS, he instituted lasting reform in the Legislature, including establishing committee staff, the legislative fiscal staff, publishing committee schedules and agendas, and more to increase efficiency and transparency in state government;

WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the 1973-1974 Constitutional Convention, which created the new Louisiana Constitution of 1974;

WHEREAS, he received numerous awards and recognition for his work, including receiving honors from the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures and from President Gerald Ford in the Oval Office;

WHEREAS, after leaving the Legislature, he continued to serve our state as Commissioner of Administration from 1980 to 1984;

WHEREAS, as Commissioner of Administration, he helped plan for the State Capitol Complex to consolidate state offices near the State Capitol;

WHEREAS, outside of state government, he served his community in many roles, including but not limited to the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Council for a Better Louisiana, the Public Affairs Research Council, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, Boys Hope and Girls Hope, Louisiana Appleseed, and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank;

WHEREAS, he was a man of faith and was devoted to University Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon and Trustee;

WHEREAS, following his career in government, he became a partner at Adams & Reese and founded the firm's Government Relations practice;

WHEREAS, he was known for his humor, wit, and intelligence, which he used to serve the state, calling himself a "humble country lawyer;"

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his legacy of service, leadership, and serving as a model of statesmanship who truly embodied Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many outstanding contributions to our state.

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 E.L. "Bubba" Henry, 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 April 26 and April 27, 2025.

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

April 27, 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 25th of April, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Landry", is written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE