

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1567

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Mississippi lost a respected leader and devoted public servant with the passing of Richard "Dick" Hall at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall was born on May 12, 1938, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the son of John Evans Hall and Audrey L. Hall, and grew up in the Fondren area of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dick graduated from Central High School in 1956, and Mississippi State University in 1960 where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, was a member of the Army ROTC, Vice President of the School of Business and was on the Presidential Scholar list for several semesters; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Dick served his country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Dick was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives and served three terms chairing the Conservation Water Resources Committee and serving on the Ways and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Dick was elected to the Mississippi Senate and served three terms--during his tenure he chaired the Environmental Committee and Public Health Committee, and was the first Republican to chair the Appropriations Committee in over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Mississippi Legislature, Dick authored or co-authored many pieces of significant legislation including the Education Reform Act of 1982, the 1987 Four-Lane Highway Program, the Budget Reform Act of 1992, and the Mental Health Reform Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Dick was appointed by Governor Kirk Fordice to fill the Central District Transportation Commissioner position and went on to be elected to serve five complete terms from 2000 to 2019, serving as the chairman for eleven years. During his twenty years of service as a Transportation Commissioner, Dick saw many accomplishments across the state and became known for saying "We're not just building a transportation system, we're building an economy."; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of this state are with Dick's beloved wife, Jennifer Wilson Hall; his sons, Bob Hall (Dianne) of Jackson, Chris Hall (Kathy) of Pearl; stepdaughter, Allison Hanson of Bartlett, Tennessee; stepson, Nathan Hanson (Lorie) of Madison; mother-in-law, Mildred Wilson of Brandon; his adoring grandchildren, Christian Hall (Lacy), Shelby Hall, Carter Hanson, Elizabeth Hanson; and his other family members and many friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, 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 all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction from sunrise to sunset on Monday, November 7, 2022, in remembrance of a dedicated Mississippi public servant, Richard "Dick" Hall.

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 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:



MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE