



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF

WHEREAS: The Honorable John Yates, former District 73 Representative in the Georgia House of Representatives, passed away on December 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Rep. Yates served more than 25 years in the Georgia House of Representatives and was the last World War II veteran to serve in the legislature; and

WHEREAS: In addition to his dedicated service to the State of Georgia, Rep. Yates honorably served in the U.S. Army. During WWII, he flew more than 200 missions near or over enemy lines, including extensive service during the Battle of the Bulge, the last major German offensive on the Western Front in 1944 and 1945. For his service he was awarded six air medals and four battle stars; and

WHEREAS: Rep. Yates was a strong supporter of Georgia, the United States of America and veterans of the armed forces, and it is fitting and proper to remember and honor his service to our state and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JOHN YATES, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Georgia be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds from Friday, December 15, 2017, until sunset on Saturday, December 16, 2017, the day of Representative Yates' interment.

This 14TH day of December, 2017.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR