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TO: Fayette County Commission Chairman Michael Freeman,  
Fayette Mayor Rod Northam, Greenville Mayor Dexter McClendon

FROM: Governor Kay Ivey 

DATE: Friday, June 14, 2024

RE: Flags Lowered for Former State Representative William Edge Thigpen, Sr.

I hereby authorize flags be flown at half-staff on Saturday, June 15, 2024, on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol Complex in Montgomery, in Fayette County and in the City of Greenville to honor the life and service of former State Representative William Edge Thigpen, Sr., who passed away on June 8, 2024, at the age of 83.

A Greenville native and Troy State University graduate, William Thigpen moved to Fayette in 1969, running several local businesses, including Fayette Sportswear and Thigpen Ford-Mercury. He was president of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce and was honored as Fayette Man of the Year. He served in the Alabama National Guard for 28 years, commanding the Fayette unit. In 1998, he entered politics winning the State House seat from Fayette County and portions of Lamar and Tuscaloosa counties by only one vote. He subsequently was easily reelected for two more terms, serving until 2010. He also served as assistant administrator of the Alabama Beverage Control Board, and on the Fayette County Hospital Board.

The flags on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex in Montgomery, in Fayette County and within the City of Greenville may be flown at half-staff in his honor on the day of his interment, June 15, 2024, from sunrise until sunset.

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