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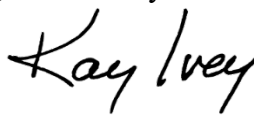


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TO: Alabama State Agencies; Lee County Commission
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey 
DATE: Friday, August 28, 2026
RE: Flags Lowered Honoring Former State Representative Charles Wiley Whatley

I hereby authorize flags be flown at half-staff all day on **Saturday, August 29, 2026**, on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol Complex in Montgomery and throughout Lee County to honor the life and service of former **State Representative Charles Wiley Whatley** who passed away at the age of 81 on August 24, 2026.

A native of east Alabama, Charles Whatley was the sixth generation to operate his family business in Beauregard. At its largest, Willow Creek Farm was the largest dairy farm in the southern U.S., housing 1,100 head of cattle on 2,000 acres along Chewacla Creek. In addition to the busy life of managing the farm, he also answered his nation's call to serve, donning the uniform of the U.S. Army Reserve for six years. His commitment to service didn't stop there. He was elected and proud to represent Lee, Barbour and Russell counties in the Alabama State House from 1974 to 1982. His dedication to public service didn't end with his final term in the Legislature either. He served as a delegate to Republican National Conventions in 2012, 2016 and 2020. Back at home in Lee County, he remained active over the years as a member of many local clubs, including the Opelika Kiwanis Club for a half century.

Flags on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex in Montgomery and throughout Lee County may be flown at half-staff from sunrise through sundown on **Saturday, August 29, 2026**, the day of former **Representative Charles Whatley's** services.

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