

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 318

WHEREAS, former Assemblyman Francis "Fran" L. Bodine was born on January 10, 1936, in Moorestown, New Jersey, and led a distinguished life of public service; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine served as an altar boy at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Moorestown, attended Moorestown High School, and graduated from La Salle University; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine married the late Elva Anna "Elvanna" Riddell in 1962, with whom he had two children; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine was elected to the Moorestown Town Council in 1976, where he served from 1977 to 1988, including as Mayor of Moorestown for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine was a member of the Burlington County Freeholder Board from 1985 to 1994, and a Commissioner on the Delaware River Port Authority from 1983 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine was sworn into the General Assembly in February 1994, and represented the 8th Legislative District there until January 2008; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine served in multiple leadership roles in the Assembly, including Assistant Majority Whip, Assistant Minority Leader, and Deputy Minority Leader; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the General Assembly, Assemblyman Bodine sponsored critical transportation funding legislation and worked on bills related to expanded senior health care and farmland preservation; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine passed away on January 11, 2023, one day after his 87th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who also enjoyed golf and spending time on Long Beach Island; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Bodine will be remembered not only for his lifetime of public service, but also for his love, generosity, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, as we mourn the passing of Assemblyman Bodine, it is appropriate to recognize and honor his legacy as an elected official and his commitment to Burlington County and the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in recognition and mourning of Assemblyman Francis L. Bodine, a longtime, dedicated legislator.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
15th day of February,
Two Thousand and Twenty-
Three, and of the
Independence of the United
States, the Two Hundred and
Forty-Seventh.

[seal]

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor