



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, SANFORD STADIUM, IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, AND IN CHATHAM COUNTY ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF

WHEREAS: Mr. Frank W. “Sonny” Seiler, famed Savannah attorney, DGD, and legendary figure of the University of Georgia passed away on Monday, August 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Seiler served as patriarch of college sports’ most famous mascot – the University of Georgia’s English Bulldog – since his first bulldog, Hood’s Ole Dan, took the field at the 1956 home opener against Florida State as Uga I; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Seiler demonstrated his nearest duty by dedicating his Uga line as the University of Georgia mascots from 1956 to present day as Ugas I-XI, establishing a tradition of unbridled excellence; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Seiler was a “Double Dawg” graduate of the University of Georgia; he was awarded the Distinguished American Award by the UGA Chapter of the National Football Foundation and received the UGA Alumni Association’s National Alumni Merit Award, demonstrating a life-long commitment to the idea that there is no tradition more worthy of envy, no institution worthy of such loyalty as the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Seiler honorably served as First Lieutenant in the United States Army and as an officer in the Georgia National Guard, 230th Field Artillery; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to recognize Mr. Seiler’s life by lowering flags to half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF MR. FRANK W. “SONNY” SEILER, 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 at the State Capitol, Sanford Stadium, in Athens-Clarke County, and in Chatham County on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

This 29th day of August 2023.


GOVERNOR