

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Paul Edward Prunty was born on October 9, 1943, in Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, the son of the late Edward W. and Pauline Meredith Prunty; and

WHEREAS, Paul Prunty graduated from East Fairmont High School in Fairmont, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Paul Prunty attended Fairmont State College and served in the United States Army Reserve, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Paul Prunty was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates 11 times between 1972 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, when Delegate Paul Prunty retired from the West Virginia House of Delegates, the West Virginia Legislature unanimously passed a Resolution naming the Northbound I-79 bridge over the Tygart River the "Paul E. Prunty Bridge," in honor of his long and distinguished career as a member of the West Virginia Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Delegate Paul Prunty is preceded in death by his brother William Prunty and sister Betty van Hook; he is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara Bowles Prunty, their sons David Patrick Mezzanotte and Aaron Craig Prunty, daughter-in-law Anne Mezzanotte, sister Nancy Myers and brother Allen Prunty, grandchildren Jason Mezzanotte, Jordan Mezzanotte Toothman, Gianna Mezzanotte, and Luca Mezzanotte, and nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia, friends, and associates of Delegate Paul Prunty desire to recognize his dedicated public service to the Great State of West Virginia, and to acknowledge his valuable contributions to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that, in commemoration of the distinguished life and service of West Virginia Delegate Paul Edward Prunty, the United States and West Virginia State flags displayed at the Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia, and at all State facilities throughout Marion County, West Virginia, shall be lowered to half-staff from dawn to dusk on January 16, 2026, the day of services celebrating his life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifteenth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



By the Governor

Patrick Morrisey
GOVERNOR

Kris Warner
SECRETARY OF STATE