

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Senator and Assemblyman Barry Tallman Parker was born on December 12, 1932, in Mount Holly, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Senator Parker received his undergraduate degree at Bucknell University, where he was a standout basketball player as well as active in ROTC; and

WHEREAS, prior to attending Rutgers Camden to complete his law degree, Senator Parker entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant, then became a Ranger where he was transferred to Germany; and

WHEREAS, Senator Parker was admitted to the bar in 1960, after which he began practicing at the firm Parker, McKay & Criscuolo in Mount Holly; and

WHEREAS, Senator Parker was elected to the General Assembly where he served from 1966 to 1971, and held several leadership positions, first in 1969 as Assistant Majority Leader, then in 1970 as Majority Leader, and in 1971 as Speaker of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, while Senator Parker was serving as Speaker, he was elected to the Senate where he served from 1972 to 1981, and was Minority Leader from 1980 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 he sought the Republican nomination for Governor of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Legislature, Senator Parker continued to work at Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, retiring in 1996 after a 38-year career at the firm; and

WHEREAS, after the Senate, Senator Parker continued his public service by joining the Good Intent Fire Company and was General Counsel to the New Jersey State Firefighters Association for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2026, Senator Parker passed away at age 93; and

WHEREAS, Senator Parker is survived by his wife Ann, three sons Brian, Scott, and Andrew, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor Senator Parker, whose life was exemplified by a commitment to public service and leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKIE SHERRILL, 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 Friday, September 25, 2026, in recognition and mourning of a dedicated and proud public servant, Senator Barry Tallman Parker.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
24th day of September,
Two Thousand and Twenty-Six,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Fifty-First.

[seal]

/s/ Mikie Sherrill

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Timothy P. Lydon

Chief Counsel to the Governor