

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 165

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Margaret "Marge" Roukema was a dedicated and influential public servant, a true leader both in our State and across our nation, representing New Jersey for over two decades in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1929, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montclair State College in 1951, and pursued graduate studies at both Montclair State College and Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema began her career in public service as a teacher for the Ridgewood Public Schools, continuing her commitment to her community as a member of the Ridgewood Board of Education from 1970 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema became active in local politics as the first woman elected president of the Ridgewood Republican Club in 1977 and 1978, and in 1977 became campaign coordinator for gubernatorial candidate Thomas H. Kean, Sr. in 30 towns; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema was elected to Congress in 1980, representing New Jersey in the House of Representatives for eleven terms, becoming the longest-serving woman in the House, as well as the senior member of the New Jersey Congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement in 2003, Congresswoman Roukema remained committed to public service, serving on the boards of nonprofit organizations dedicated to children's issues and lecturing about politics at universities; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Roukema was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and it is with deep sadness that we honor the memory and mourn the passing of Congresswoman Margaret "Marge"

Roukema and extend sympathy to her family, her friends, her colleagues, and those whose lives she touched;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, 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 Monday, November 24, 2014, in recognition and mourning of the passing of Congresswoman Margaret "Marge" Roukema.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
21st day of November,
Two Thousand and Fourteen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Paul B. Matey

Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor