

**Executive Order No. 2017-40**

**WHEREAS**, I have been notified of the passing of Ernest A. Finney, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernest A. Finney, Jr. dutifully served the State of South Carolina as an educator, attorney, member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, circuit court judge, and associate justice and chief justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, and he was known as a remarkable man whose lifetime of service is an inspiration and whose unwavering belief in the Rule of Law provided hope and justice for all South Carolinians and added strength and confidence to the integrity of the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, section 10-1-161(E) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff at a designated time or for a designated period of time upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby Order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff on Saturday, December 9, 2017, in honor of Chief Justice Finney and in recognition of his extraordinary service to the State of South Carolina. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**