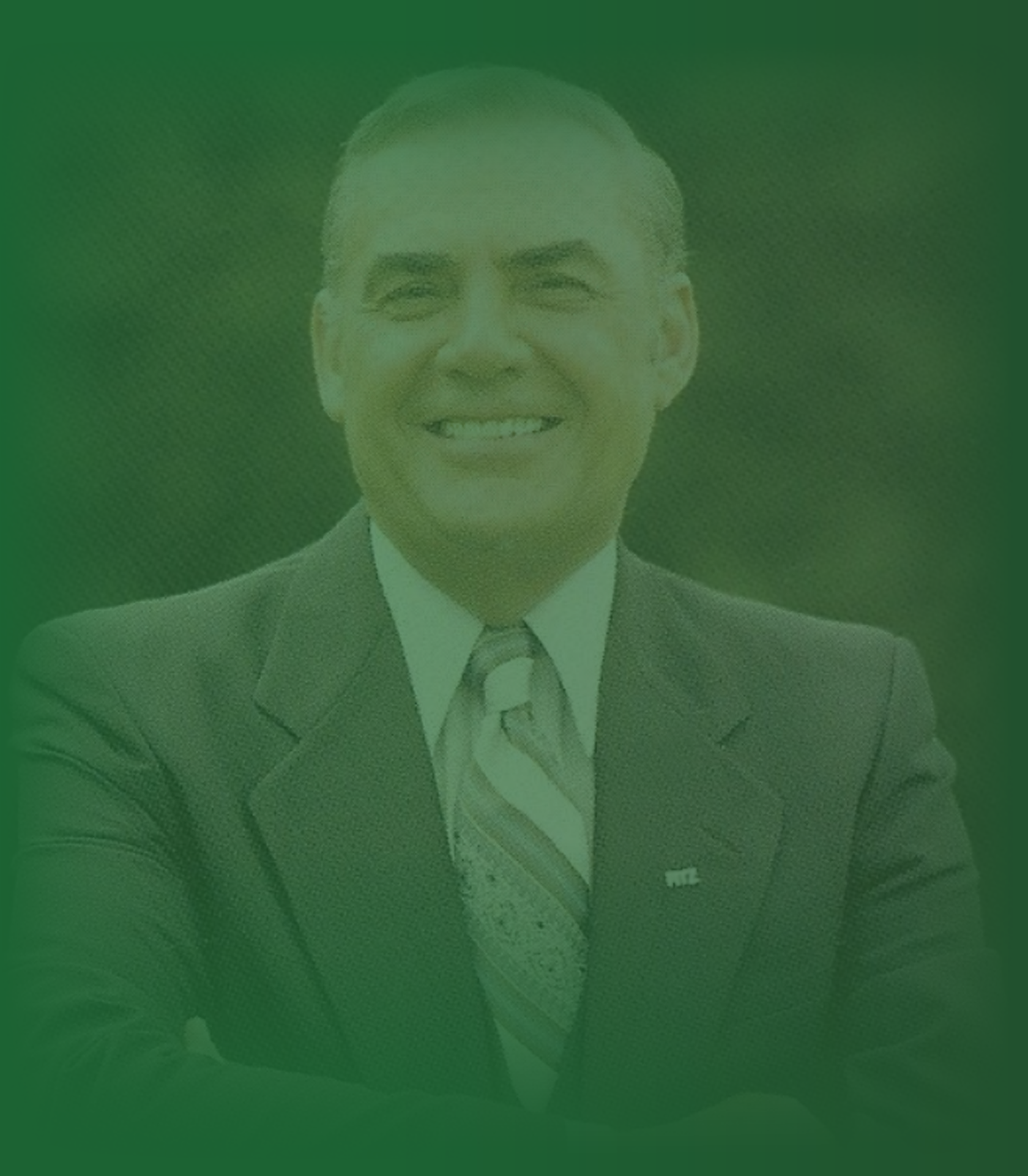


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Public service is a noble calling and those individuals entrusted by the voters with a political office are given both a great honor and a tremendous responsibility.

The public is served best when it is represented by individuals of the highest character. One such elected official who met every test of integrity and honesty is James "Jimmy" E. Fitzmorris. Indeed, the people of Louisiana benefitted from his visionary leadership for almost three decades.

Jimmy Fitzmorris distinguished himself as a business executive, rising from the ranks of messenger to Vice President of Kansas City Southern Railroad. He also served with distinction for three terms as a New Orleans district and at-large council member and for two terms as Lt. Governor of Louisiana.

Throughout his political career, he experienced both the joy of victory and the anguish of defeat. In fact, Fitzmorris lost a very controversial race for Governor of Louisiana in 1979. He contested the vote totals in court, convinced that the election was stolen from him.

After that bitter defeat Jimmy Fitzmorris plunged into consulting work, real estate investments and community service. He has served on countless commissions and boards, such as Mount Carmel Academy, where he has dedicated almost seven decades of his life as a volunteer leader and role model.

For 50 years, until her death in 1995, Jimmy Fitzmorris was a loving husband to his wife Gloria. He is devoted to his daughter Lisa and his two granddaughters.

As the late Congresswoman Lindy Boggs recounted in the foreword to his book *Frankly, Fitz!* "Over his lifetime, Jimmy has come to represent the high standard against which others' public careers will be judged."

WLAE-TV is honored to present this documentary on the life and legacy of a Louisiana political legend who positively contributed to our state in so many ways.

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