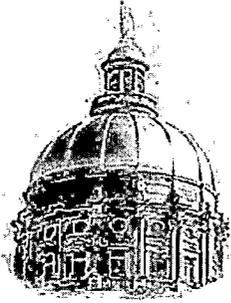




ROBERT HENRY JORDAN was born in Talbot County, Georgia, on February 6, 1916. He attended public school in Talbotton and holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia Law School. Upon graduation in 1941 he entered the Army as a private and was discharged in 1946 as a major of infantry. He practiced law in Talbotton from 1946 until his appointment to the Court of Appeals in 1960, where he served until his appointment to the Supreme Court in March, 1972. He served as Chief Justice from December 20, 1980 until November 1, 1982, when he retired from the Court.

Justice Jordan has served in all three branches of state government, having served in the State Senate 1953-4, and again in 1959 as President Pro- Tem of that body. He was a member of the State Highway Board when appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1960. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the American Judicature Society, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and a member of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Commission. He has served as chairman of the Talbot County Board of Education, president of the Lions Club, president of the Chattahoochee Circuit Bar Association, and as vice-president of the Georgia Bar Association. He is the author of *There Was a Land*, a history of Talbot County, Georgia, and coauthored *Courthouses in Georgia*, published by The Harrison Company. He is a Mason and a deacon in the Talbotton Baptist Church. His hobbies include golf, gardening, and painting.

He is married to the former Jean Ingram of Talbotton. They have three children, Mrs. Patrick (Barbara) Holder, David C. Jordan, and William G. Jordan, and three grandchildren, Holly, Patrick, and Louise Holder.



Georgia General Assembly

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House Resolution 25 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Buck of the 112th, Buckner of the 109th, Hugley of the 113th, Smyre of the 111th, and Smith of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

Commending Robert Henry Jordan; designating the Robert Henry Jordan Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Honorable Robert Henry Jordan was born in Talbotton, Georgia, on February 6, 1916; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Georgia Southwestern College, received his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law, and served with honor with the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 when he was discharged with the rank of major; and

WHEREAS, he began his distinguished legal career in Talbotton where he practiced law from 1945 until 1960 and was elected to the Senate where he served from 1953 to 1954 and again from 1959 to 1960, during which time he served as President Pro Tem of the Senate and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, from 1960 to 1972, this outstanding legal scholar served on the Georgia Court of Appeals before moving on to the Supreme Court of Georgia where he served as a Justice from 1972 to 1980 and Chief Justice from 1980 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the American Judicature Society, and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, from 1959 to 1960, this highly respected public servant was a member of the State Highway Board, thus having served in all three branches of state government; and

WHEREAS, he was the author of *There was a Land - A History of Talbot County* and coauthor of *Courthouses in Georgia - 1825-1983*; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife Jean; a loving father to Barbara, David, and William; and a proud grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of five; and

WHEREAS, he was a lifelong member of the Talbotton Baptist Church where he served as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, in recognition and tribute to the exemplary public service of Robert Henry Jordan, it is most fitting that the State of Georgia perpetuate his name in an appropriate fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Highway 80 from downtown Talbotton, Georgia, east to the Taylor County line is designated as the Robert Henry Jordan Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the Robert Henry Jordan Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Honorable Robert Henry Jordan and to the commissioner of transportation.

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