

## Senate Resolution 777

By: Senators Harp of the 16th, Hooks of the 14th and Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the Robert Henry Jordan Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Honorable Robert Henry Jordan was born in Talbotton, Georgia, on February  
3 6, 1916; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Georgia Southwestern College, received his law degree  
5 from the University of Georgia School of Law, and served with honor with the U.S. Army  
6 from 1941 to 1945 when he was discharged with the rank of major; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished legal career in Talbotton where he practiced law  
8 from 1945 until 1960 and was elected to the Senate where he served from 1953 to 1954 and  
9 again from 1959 to 1960, during which time he served as President Pro Tem of the Senate and  
10 Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and
- 11 WHEREAS, from 1960 to 1972, this outstanding legal scholar served on the Georgia Court  
12 of Appeals before moving on to the Supreme Court of Georgia where he served as a Justice  
13 from 1972 to 1980 and Chief Justice from 1980 to 1982; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the American Bar  
15 Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the American Judicature Society, and Phi Delta Phi  
16 Legal Fraternity; and
- 17 WHEREAS, from 1959 to 1960, this highly respected public servant was a member of the  
18 State Highway Board, thus having served in all three branches of state government; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was the author of *There was a Land - A History of Talbot County* and  
20 coauthor of *Courthouses in Georgia - 1825-1823*; and

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

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

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

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

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

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
15 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Honorable Robert Henry  
16 Jordan and to the commissioner of transportation.