

House Resolution 25

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

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

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Robert Henry Jordan was born in Talbotton, Georgia, on February
4 6, 1916; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, he was the author of *There was a Land - A History of Talbot County* and
21 coauthor of *Courthouses in Georgia - 1825-1983*; 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 Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Honorable
16 Robert Henry Jordan and to the commissioner of transportation.