

## House Resolution 1088

By: Representatives Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 131<sup>st</sup>, Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Harbin of the 118<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of William Garland Jordan and offering condolences to his family and  
2 friends upon his passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William Garland Jordan, a widely respected transportation engineer, passed  
4 away January 1, 2008, at the age of 51, after a valiant battle with cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born in Columbus, Georgia, on December 4, 1956, the son of the late  
6 Eleanor Jean Jordan and the late Supreme Court Justice Robert Henry Jordan, and he was the  
7 youngest of four children born to them; and

8 WHEREAS, he lived in Talbotton during his early years and graduated from the Brookstone  
9 Academy in Columbus and from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1979 with a degree  
10 in Bachelor of Civil Engineering; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a transportation engineer with more than 26 years of project  
12 management of complex roadway and bridge projects, performing value engineering studies  
13 on nearly 100 projects, and was involved in the design of over 800 bridges in the  
14 southeastern United States; and

15 WHEREAS, since 2003, he had been involved in public-private initiatives on four large  
16 projects in Georgia, and had developed new approaches for public sector clients to attract  
17 private capital and minimize government resource to fund major transportation  
18 improvements; and

19 WHEREAS, he had a passion for outdoor life, and was an accomplished outdoorsman who  
20 enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and golf; he traveled far and wide to pursue those  
21 interests, but his favorite places were Lake Seminole and the North Georgia woods, where  
22 he had a weekend retreat; he was also a talented artist, who did fine work in wood carving,

1 making duck decoys, fish sculptures, and all kinds of objects reflecting the natural world he  
2 loved so much; and

3 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 24 years, Nancy Ingram Jordan of Marietta; sons,  
4 William Lawton Jordan and Harrison Whitehurst Jordan, both of Marietta; sister, Barbara  
5 Jordan Holder and her husband, Patrick Holder of LaGrange; brother, David Claude Jordan  
6 and his wife, Lin Jordan of Talbotton; and several nieces and nephews; and

7 WHEREAS, William Garland Jordan led a life of service to his state and to his family and  
8 will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body celebrate the life of William Garland Jordan and offer their  
11 sincerest condolences to his family and friends at this trying time.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William  
14 Garland Jordan.