

House Resolution 350

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Mitchell of the 88th, Smyre of the 135th, Waites of the 60th, and Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of John Edison Inman Jordan, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of John Edison Inman Jordan, Jr., on June 24, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan was born in Hartwell, Georgia, a beloved son of John Wesley and
5 Julia T. Jordan; and
- 6 WHEREAS, nurtured in the community of St. John, he attended St. John Elementary School
7 for colored students, a school he later memorialized with a large stone marker at St. John
8 CME Church, funded by his donation; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he attended Georgia State College, now known as Savannah State College, and
10 was a proud and zealous alumnus, earning the distinction of a Diamond Life Member of his
11 alumni association; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he began his teaching career at Ballard Hudson High School (1949) in Macon,
13 Georgia, as a Vocational Technical and Adult Education teacher and later earned a master's
14 degree in Vocational Technical Education at Wayne State University and worked as the
15 coordinator of the Cooperative Vocational Academic Education program at Northeast (Mark
16 Smith) High School from 1969 to 1986; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated instructor, supporting many students and often traveling
18 with them across several states to participate in various competitions and winning many
19 awards, and he truly believed in the power of education and the importance of teaching; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of Holsey Temple CME Church, where he sang in the
21 Chancel Choir and served on various boards and committees; and

22 WHEREAS, he had a heart for helping those in need and enjoyed serving God's people
23 through the "Friday Night Friends" feeding ministry, and he and Mrs. Jordan always found
24 time to visit the sick and shut-in church members; and

25 WHEREAS, he also contributed to countless charities throughout the years and believed in
26 economic empowerment and provided opportunities for affordable housing to numerous
27 residents in Macon, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, known for his sound advice, smart budgeting skills, and love of learning, he
29 created a legacy of ethical living and excellence in education; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan leaves to cherish his memory his beloved and devoted wife, Leola;
31 children, Debra, John III, Darryl, Emmalyn, and Janet; grandchildren, Tamecia, Malaikla,
32 Sumayah, John IV, Brandi, Michael, Alonzo, Mallori, Brittani, Bria, Staci, and JaNia; and
33 great-grandchildren, Sonya, Ariana, Amari, David, and Alijah, and many cousins, nieces,
34 nephews, and family friends who affectionately called him "daddy" and "granddaddy."

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of John Edison Inman Jordan,
37 Jr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 family of John Edison Inman Jordan, Jr.