By: Brooks, et al

(S.R. No. 286

In the Senate - March 8, 1973, read first time and referred
to Committee on Administration; March 21, 1973, reported favorably;
March 21, 1973, sent to printer.)

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Barbara Jordan, a former member of
the Senate of Texas and a present member of the House of
Representatives of the United States Congress, is truly one of
the outstanding Texans of our times; and

WHEREAS, Her election to the Senate of Texas in 1966 began
a series of firsts for this distinguished lawmaker; the first
Negro member of this body since the 1880's, she was the first
woman of her race ever elected to the Legislature of the State
of Texas; she was unanimously elected president pro tempore of
the Senate of Texas in 1967 and thus became the first of her sex
and race to preside over a legislative body in the United States;
and

WHEREAS, Her background is equally impressive: after being
graduated magna cum laude from Texas Southern University in 1956,
she received an LL.B. degree from Boston University School of Law
in 1959; she then returned to Texas to practice law for several
years before running for public office; and

WHEREAS, During her brilliant career as a public servant,
Miss Jordan has gained the admiration of her colleagues, as well
as the increased support of the people of her constituency, and
has won widespread recognition for her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Now representing the 18th Congressional District
of Texas, she is continuing in the tradition of other eminent
statesmen who served the people of Texas in public office; and

WHEREAS, A number of these statesmen are honored by having
their portraits displayed in the chamber and committee rooms of
the Senate of Texas, and it is appropriate that Barbara Jordan,
a modern-day Texas leader, be recognized in the same fashion;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 63rd Legislature of the
State of Texas hereby direct the Senate Administration Committee
to commission an artist to paint a portrait of the Honorable
Barbara Jordan to be displayed among the other portraits of great
Texans in the Senate of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, under the seal
of the Senate of Texas, be prepared for Miss Jordan as an
expression of recognition from her former colleagues in this body
for her outstanding contributions to the progress of all the
people of this state.

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Austin, Texas
March 21, 1973

Hon. William P. Hobby
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Administration, to which was referred S.R.
No. 286, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed
to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it
do pass and be printed.

Hightower, Chairman