

Jack English Hightower

Biographical Highlights, 1926-Present

1926	Born, Memphis, Hall County, Texas, to Walter and Floy Hightower, September 6
1944	Graduated from Memphis High School
1944, Summer	Attended Baylor University in the summer and took first class with Guy B. Harrison
1944-1946	Served during World War II in the U. S. Navy
1946-1951	Attended Baylor University. Received B. A. degree, 1949; LL.B. degree, 1951. Worked in the Texas Collection with Guy B. Harrison for six years
1950, August 26	Married Colleen Ward of Tulia, Texas
1951	Began practicing law in Vernon, Texas. Practiced law there until 1975.
1953-1955	Served in 53 rd Texas Legislature, House of Representatives
1953	Daughter Ann born, January 7
1954	Practiced law briefly in Fort Worth, Texas
1955	Appointed District Attorney, 46 th Judicial District
1956	Daughter Amy born, September 26
1956-1961	Elected District Attorney and re-elected in 1960, served until 1961
1957	Appointed by Governor Price Daniel to the Texas Law Enforcement Commission
1958	President of Texas District and County Attorneys Association and named "Outstanding District Attorney of Texas" for 1959
1958	Vice President of Texas Junior Bar Association
1959	Daughter Alison born, November 22
1961	Resigned as District Attorney to make unsuccessful race for Congress
1962-1964	Named to Board of Regents of Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, served as vice chairman. Served 1962-1964.
1964-1965	Served in Texas Senate from 23 rd District
1966-1975	Elected to new 30 th Senatorial District. Re-elected to third term in Senate, without opposition, served until 1975
1971	Elected by fellow Senators on January 12 as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate
1971,	Served as Governor of Texas for a Day, April 3
1971	Received Doctor of Laws degree from Howard Payne University
1972	Received Phi Alpha Delta Outstanding Alumni Award for Excellent Achievements in the Legal Profession
1972-1981	Trustee, Baylor University (now Board of Regents)
1972	Elected Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
1975-1985	U. S. Representative from 13 th Congressional District of Texas
1985-1987	First Assistant Attorney General of Texas
1988-1995	Served as Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas
1991-2001	Trustee, Wayland Baptist University
1992	Received LL.M. degree from University of Virginia
1996	Man of the Year, 113 th Doans May Picnic
1999-2005	Commissioner, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Appointed by President William J. Clinton
2001-2006	Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of Texas
2001-2006	Chairman of the Board, Scottish Rite Hospital of Texas in Dallas
2001-2006	▪ Chairman of the Board, Scottish Rite Hospital of Texas in Dallas ▪ Chairman of the Board, Scottish Rite Education Association of Texas ▪ Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of Texas
2007- Present	Semi-retired with select writing projects

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Denominational Service

1957	Ordained deacon, First Baptist Church Vernon. Also served as deacon for First Baptist Church Austin.
1958-1963	Executive Board, Baptist General Convention of Texas, 6 years
1959-1968	Board of Directors, Baptist Standard
1969-1974	Human Welfare Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas
1975	Board of Development, Charter Member, Texas Baptist Children's Home, Round Rock
1972-1981	Trustee, Baylor University, 9 years
1991-2001	Trustee, Wayland Baptist University, ten years
1999-2005	Library Board of Advisors, Baylor University Libraries
2005-2006	Chairman, Library Fellows, Baylor University Libraries
1957-present	Deacon, First Baptist Church Vernon and First Baptist Church Austin
1950s to present	Sunday School teacher, First Baptist Church Vernon and First Baptist Church Austin. Lessons broadcast in Austin

Fraternal Organizations

1953	Lions Club Member, Received Quarter Century Club certificate in 1978
1954	33 degree Scottish Rite Mason
1972	Sam Houston Hall of Fame, Masonic Grand Lodge Library and Museum of Texas
1972	Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
2001-2006	Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of Texas
2001-2006	Chairman of the Board, Scottish Rite Hospital, Dallas, Texas
2001-2006	Chairman of the Board, Scottish Rite Education Association of Texas

Public Service

1944-46	U.S. Navy
1953-54	Member, Texas House of Representatives
1955-61	District Attorney, Forth-sixth Texas Judicial District, Vernon, Texas
1957	Appointed by Governor Price Daniel to the Texas Law Enforcement Commission
1965-1974	Member, Texas Senate
1968	Delegate to Democratic National Convention
1974	Delegate, Texas constitutional Convention
1975-1985	Member, U. S. House of Representatives, Texas 13 th Congressional District
1985-1987	First Assistant Attorney General of Texas
1988-1996	Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, December 7, 1988 to January 1, 1996
1989-1991	Board of Directors, Texas Center for the Judiciary
1999-2005	Commissioner, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Appointed by President William J. Clinton

Education

1949	Baylor University, B.A
1951	Baylor University, LL.B.
1971 of 1977	Howard Payne University, Doctor of Laws
1992	University of Virginia, LL.M.
	Baylor Alumni Association Life Member

Hobbies

- ™ Collecting books and signed editions
- ™ Collection materials about Abraham Lincoln
- ™ Reading
- ™ Collecting political campaign materials