

KENNETH ALLISON ROBERTS

Born November 12, 1912 in Piedmont, Alabama

Educated in Alabama public schools and University of Alabama - LLB degree 1935.

1935 - 1941 General practice of law, U. S. Forest Service - Alabama  
1941 - 1942 State Senator in Alabama Legislature  
1942 - 1946 U. S. Naval Reserve - served in Atlantic and Pacific Theaters  
1946 - 1951 General law practice in Alabama  
1951 - 1965 Member U. S. House of Representatives representing the Fourth District of Alabama in 82nd through 87th Congresses; served as member-at-large from Alabama in 88th Congress  
1965 - present General practice of law - Brewton, Alabama, and Washington, D. C. Affiliated with law firm of Harter, Calhoun, Williams and Roberts in Washington, D.C., and serves as Counsel for Vehicle Equipment Safety Committee, Washington, D. C.

Awards: Allstate Foundation 1960; Automotive Safety, Physicians for Automotive Safety, American Nurses Association, Birmingham-, "Mr Public Health" 1964; Board of Supervisors Los Angeles County Award 1967

Congressional Legislative Record:

Sponsored first Highway Safety Legislation; first chairman, Special Subcommittee on Traffic Safety under House Resolution No. 347, 83rd Congress; chairman, Subcommittee on Health and Safety, 84th. 85th. 86th, 87th and 88th Congresses; sponsored pioneer bills on Nursing, Child Refrigerator Safety, Air Pollution, Migratory Workers, Indian Health, Educational Television, Child Health Institute, Hazardous Substances Labeling.

Committee Memberships:

National Highway Safety Advisory Committee  
General Counsel, Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission

Club Memberships:

National Democratic Club; National Press Club; Congressional Country Club

Professional Associations:

Alabama Bar Association; D. C. Bar Association; District Court of the District of Columbia; Court of Appeals; U. S. Supreme Court

Civic and Fraternal Affiliations:

Baptist Church, Mason, Order of Eastern Star, Woodmen of the World, BPOE, Lions Club (served as District Governor of North Alabama 1940), Forty and Eight, American Legion, V1?J

Married to Margaret McMillan Roberts; two daughters, Margaret and Allison

Residences: Rockville, Maryland, and Brewton, Alabama

Mr. Roberts' interests have been primarily in the fields of public health and highway safety, as evidenced by the legislation he sponsored in the House of Representatives and his Congressional committee memberships as well as the awards with which national organizations in these areas of endeavor have honored him. Ralph Nader, renowned expert on auto safety, credits Mr. Roberts as the man most responsible for the present public demand for safer automobiles. Since his retirement from public life, his efforts have continued and expanded in his capacity as General Counsel for the Vehicle Equipment Safety Committee.