



2001

**Alabama Tourism** grows to a \$6.1 billion industry



2003 RSA becomes the major stockholder in US Airways

2002 The Lodge in Opelika opens

2003 The Legends at Capitol Hill joins the Trail

Alabama WONDER FULL

PLANSPONSOR

2002 The Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) is implemented

2003 RSA named Plan Sponsor of the Year

2001

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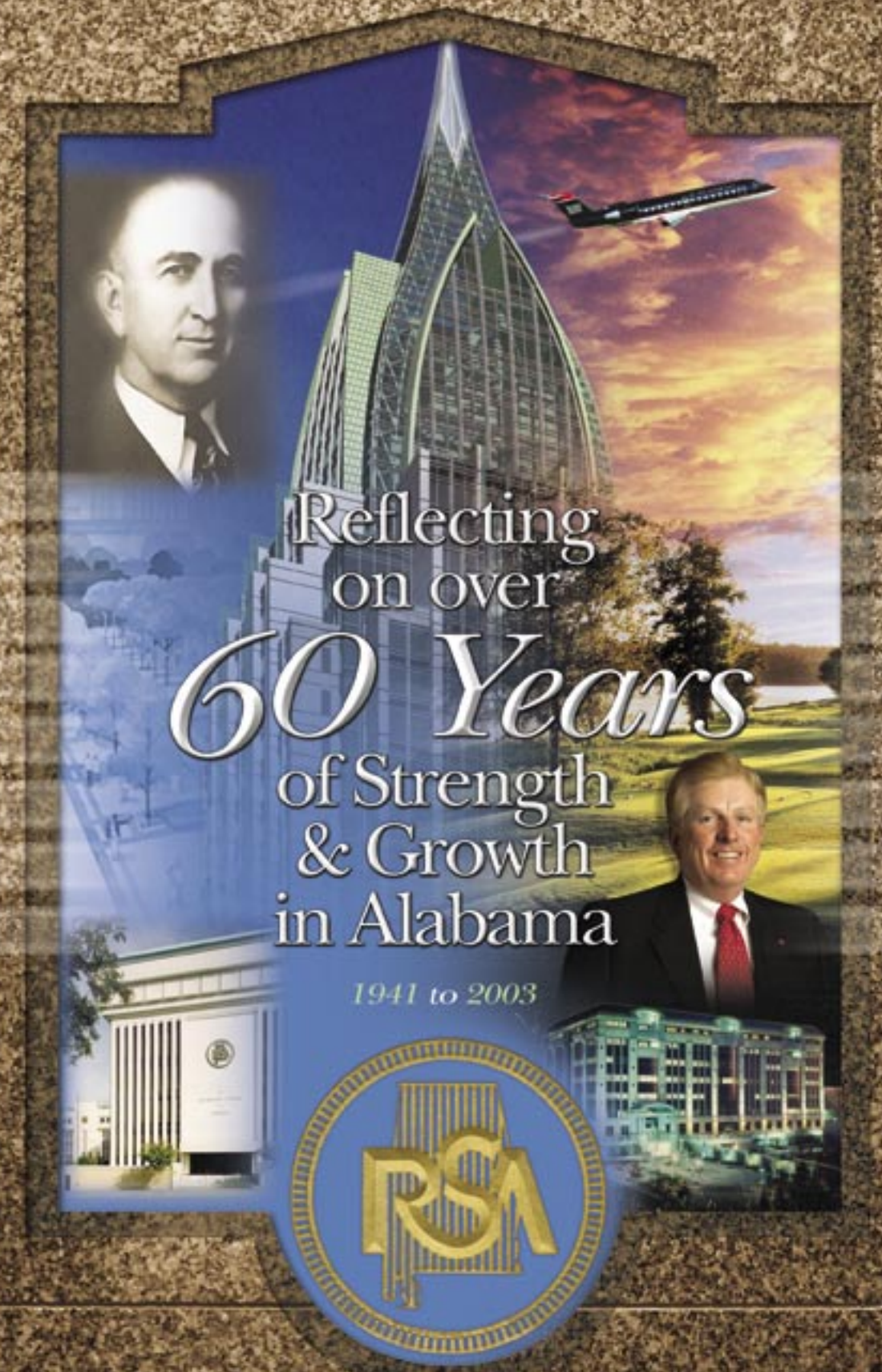
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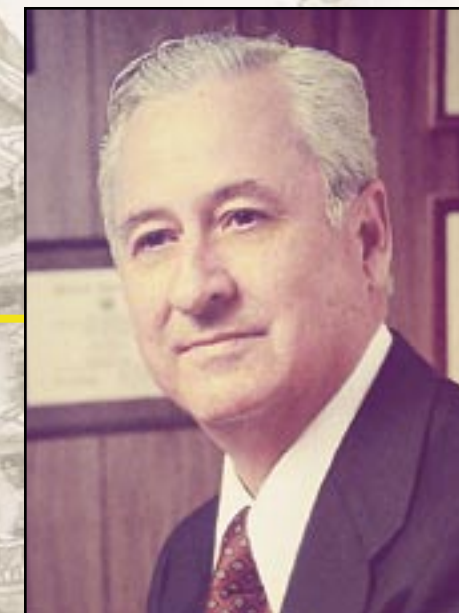
# RSA HIGHLIGHTS

■ **A Look Back** at memorable events and milestones that mark the history of the Retirement Systems of Alabama



1951

**Raymond D. Fowler** named second Secretary-Treasurer



1967

**Estel L. Bottoms** named third Secretary-Treasurer

1941

**William H. MacGregor** named first Secretary-Treasurer



1941 Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) established

1945 Employees' Retirement System (ERS) is established

1963 Retirement benefit formula factors:  
Regular Employees — 1.125%  
State Troopers — 1.75%

1972 First computer system

1940

1945

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1970



**1974**  
The first RSA Advisor is published



**1976** The first RSA Annual Report is published

# RSA HIGHLIGHTS

**1973**

**Dr. David G. Bronner** named fourth Secretary-Treasurer

**1973** RSA assets total \$500 million with \$1.5 billion in liabilities

**1973** Judicial Retirement Fund (JRF) established

**1973** RSA membership totals approximately 112,000

**1976** RSA Assets exceed \$1 billion for the first time



**1977** RSA makes a \$10 million loan to International Paper

**1978** RSA moves into its new building at 135 South Union Street



**1977** Data processing begins fully automated online member record system

**1979** Microfilm project completed

**1983** RSA granted status as a public corporation



**1983** RSA makes a \$75 million loan to US Steel



**1982** Member contributions tax sheltered from federal tax

**1984** Funds under management top \$5 billion in assets

**1985** RSA funds \$12 million Wal-Mart distribution center in Cullman



**1986** RSA-1 established

**1986** Assets exceed the \$6 billion mark

**1986** RSA membership exceeds the 200,000 mark

**1988** RSA finances \$48 million state complex building project

## ALABAMA'S ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL



**1990** RSA finances the construction of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail (RTJ)

**1989** RSA battles Alabama developers over RSA investing in Alabama



**1991** RSA Plaza and the Alabama Center for Commerce are completed

**1991** Funds under management top \$10 billion



**1993** RSA is 100% funded

**1994** Groundbreaking for Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance



**1994** RSA becomes the majority owner of the 55 Water Street office building in New York City



**1994** Frequent Flyer names the RTJ Trail one of the top ten travel destinations

**1995** RSA Activity Center and RSA Union building are completed



**1996** RSA Tower is completed



**1996** Raycom Media established Alabama receives \$30 million in free advertising

**1996** The Wall Street Journal recognizes the revitalization of downtown Montgomery

**1996** RSA cooperated in undercover operation in New York that lead to 117 mobsters arrested

**1996** Helen Hunt Learning Center is completed

**1997** Highest total revenue in RSA history at \$4.2 billion

**1997** RSA receives the "Shining Example" award from the Southeast Tourism Society



**1997** RSA provides funding for the Community Newspapers Holding, Inc. (CNHI) Alabama receives \$6 million in free advertising

**1998** LPGA Tour of Champions and the NIKE Tour Championship held at the RTJ Trail



**1999** The resurrection of the Grand Hotel in Point Clear is financed by RSA

**1999** Total annual benefits paid out exceed \$1 billion

**1999** Capitol Hill course opens in Prattville



**2000** Microsoft includes the RTJ Trail in its Links LS2000 golf game

**2000** RSA awarded "Excellence in Government Leadership"

**2000** Funds under management top \$26 million

**1999** RSA inducted into the Alabama Tourism Hall of Fame

**2000** Dr. Bronner is named Citizen of the Year by the Montgomery Advertiser



**1999** William Walsh Park opens in Downtown Montgomery

