

House Resolution 841

By: Representative Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Senator Robert Alvin Rowan and dedicating a road in his memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Robert Alvin Rowan has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Rowan was born on November 17, 1935, on a farm in Berrien County,  
7 Georgia, and he developed and honed his oratorical skills at a young age through his years  
8 as a 4-H participant; and

9 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1962 at the age of 27, where he  
10 earned a well-deserved reputation for his ability to use his quick wit and carefully crafted  
11 humor to ease tensions and foster compromise; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Senate, Senator Rowan championed mental health  
13 and special education issues, served as secretary of the Rules Committee, and was dedicated  
14 to improving the quality of life and creating opportunities for growth in rural Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Board of Human Resources by Governor George  
16 Busbee and the Children's Youth Commission by Governor Joe Frank Harris, and was  
17 elected to the Public Service Commission in 1985; and

18 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from public service, Senator Rowan remained active in  
19 politics and policy and, as a lobbyist, he worked to build a collaboration between Georgia  
20 poultry producers and the Cuban government and consulted with President Jimmy Carter;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in  
24 his memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 82 within the city limits of  
27 Enigma in Berrien County is dedicated as the Bobby Rowan - Enigma Parkway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Bobby Rowan - Enigma  
30 Parkway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 family of Senator Robert Alvin Rowan and the Department of Transportation.