

Senate Resolution 857

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Gooch of the 51st, Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th and Martin of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Mr. Rudy Bowen and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Rudy Bowen was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Dawson County
3 High School as well as the University of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a former lumber salesman, Mr. Bowen founded Bowen Family Homes in 1969
5 when he built a new home in Gwinnett County; and
- 6 WHEREAS, over the next five years, Mr. Bowen constructed an average of 50 homes a year
7 and, in 1985, the company began its own land development efforts, which allowed the
8 company to avoid third-party costs; and
- 9 WHEREAS, to this day, Bowen Family Homes constructs entire communities and provides
10 customers with a total home buying experience; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was the fourth largest in metro Atlanta with 59 homes
12 closed, according to the 2009-2010 *Atlanta Business Chronicle* Book of Lists, and it
13 generated \$165 million in revenue in 2008 with 30 full-time employees; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was recognized as the 25th largest privately owned
15 builder in the country by *Builder Magazine* for 2005 and in 2007 and was named Georgia
16 Family Business of the Year among medium sized companies by *Georgia Trend* and the Cox
17 Family Enterprise Center at Kennesaw State University; and
- 18 WHEREAS, *The Atlanta Business Chronicle* ranked Bowen Family Homes fifth among
19 metro Atlanta builders in 2007 and 40th among Atlanta's Top Private Companies for 2007;
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21 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was ranked 83rd on the 2007 Professional Builder Giant
22 400 largest homebuilders in the United States list; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen has been happily married to his wife, Jean, for 56 years; is the father
24 of Allison, Beth, and David; and has eight wonderful grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, he has performed many unspoken acts of stewardship on behalf of the Gwinnett
26 County community and the State of Georgia and made donations to Children's Healthcare
27 of Atlanta and Gwinnett Children's Center; and

28 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes helped build a hospice for the children in Gwinnett,
29 donated to the American Red Cross after Hurricane Katrina, and participated in several other
30 civic projects and causes; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen has served diligently on the Department of Transportation Board
32 since 2007, representing the 7th Congressional District, and he previously served as
33 chairman; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
35 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
37 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of GA 20 from Windermere Parkway in
38 Forsyth County to Suwanee Dam Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Rudy Bowen
39 Highway.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
41 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Rudy Bowen Highway.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Rudy Bowen
44 and to the Department of Transportation.