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REPRESENTATIVE VIC KOHRING
DISTRICT 26

Memorandum

Date: January 10, 2000
To: Representative Andrew Halcro
Chair, Transportation Committee
From: Representative Vic Kohring *VK*
Subject: Committee hearing request

I wish to request a Committee hearing on HB 266, renaming the Palmer Wasilla Highway to the James Arland Rowland, Jr. Memorial Highway.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOHRING

TO: HB 266

- 1 Page 1, line 1:
- 2 Delete "renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as"
- 3 Insert "designating"

- 4 Page 1, line 6:
- 5 Delete "renamed"
- 6 Insert "concurrently designated as"

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SPONSOR STATEMENT HOUSE BILL 266

On May 15, 1999 law enforcement agencies around the country were honoring fallen officers for Police Memorial Day. During this solemn time Alaska State Troopers were processing the crime scene where Officer James Arland Rowland Jr. was killed at 1:30 a.m. just off the Palmer-Wasilla Highway in Palmer. Officer Rowland became the first Palmer Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Officer Rowland's death was a tremendous tragedy and loss to the Mat-Su Community. Officer Rowland grew up in Palmer and lived in Wasilla with his wife Hallie Rowland and his son James Rowland III. Officer Rowland's parents, James Sr. and Wanda still call Palmer their home. He gave his life for what he believed and his memory will live on.

House Bill 266 will name the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as the "**James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway**". House Bill 266 will insure that Mat-Su Valley residents and those who visit will always remember Officer Rowland's ultimate sacrifice.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS HOUSE BILL 266

Title: An act renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as the James Arland Rowland Jr., Memorial Highway.

Section 1. AS 35.40 would be amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 35.40.130. James Arland Rowland Jr., Memorial Highway. The Palmer-Wasilla is renamed the James Arland Rowland Jr., Memorial Highway.

(3) if the project is located within one-half mile of the boundary of an area represented by a community council established by municipal charter or ordinance, the department shall submit the plans to the community council for review and comment.

(b) Prior approval by a municipal planning commission may not be required before the commencement of construction of a highway or local service road if

(1) the department and the municipality have entered into agreement for the planning of the project under AS 19.20.060 or 19.20.070 and the plans for the project are completed in accordance with the terms of that agreement;

(2) the municipality has adopted a municipal master highway plan under AS 19.20.080 and the highway or local service road is consistent with the plan adopted; or

(3) the department has entered into agreement with the municipality for the planning of transportation corridors under AS 19.20.015 and the plans for the project are completed in accordance with the provisions of that agreement.

(c) If final disapproval by resolution of the governing body of the affected municipality or village is not received within 90 days from the date the project was submitted to the municipality or village, the department may proceed with the project. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977; am § 5 ch 100 SLA 1988)

Effect of amendments. — The 1988 amendment added paragraph (a)(3).

Sec. 35.30.020. Compliance with municipal ordinances. A department shall comply with local planning and zoning ordinances and other regulations in the same manner and to the same extent as other landowners. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977)

Sec. 35.30.030. Waiver. If a department clearly demonstrates an overriding state interest, waiver of local planning authority approval and the compliance requirement may be granted by the governor. The governor shall issue specific findings giving reasons for granting any waiver under this section. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977)

Sec. 35.30.040. Definitions. In this chapter

(1) "public project" means a public building or other structure, public work, or other facility, highway, or local service road constructed or maintained by a department; the term includes the acquisition by purchase or agreement of land and rights in land for materials and the extraction or removal of materials necessary for completion of a highway under AS 19.05.080 — 19.05.120;

(2) "village" means an unincorporated community of the unorganized borough where at least 25 people reside as a social unit. (§ 3 ch 143 SLA 1977; am § 57 ch 14 SLA 1987)

Effect of amendments. — The 1987 amendment repealed former paragraph (1), which defined "department."

Chapter 40. Names of Public Works.

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115. Herman Leirer Road

Cross references. — For provision that certain highways may be given names only by law, see AS 19.10.085.

Sec. 35.40.001. Reeve Boulevard. The Elmendorf By-Pass Highway is named the Bob Reeve Boulevard. (§ 2 ch 52 SLA 1982)

Sec. 35.40.005. Klondike Highway. The Alaska portion of the highway between Skagway, Alaska and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada is named the Klondike Highway. (§ 1 ch 22 SLA 1982)

Sec. 35.40.010. E. L. Patton Bridge. The bridge spanning the Yukon River at the southern terminus of the highway is named "The E. L. Patton Bridge". (§ 2 ch 19 SLA 1982)

Revisor's notes. — Enacted as AS 19.40.085. Re-numbered in 1982.

Sec. 35.40.015. Douglas Bridge. The bridge across the Gastineau Channel connecting Juneau with Douglas Island is named the Douglas Bridge. (§ 1 ch 17 SLA 1982)

Revisor's notes. — Enacted as AS 19.10.300. Re-numbered in 1982.

Sec. 35.40.020. Brenwick/Craig Road. Klutina Road near Copper Center is re-named Brenwick/Craig Road. (§ 1 ch 57 SLA 1984)

Sec. 35.40.025. Dillingham to Aleknagik Road. The road from Dillingham to Aleknagik is designated the Gateway to the Wood-Tikchik State Park. (§ 2 ch 30 SLA 1985)

Cross references. — For statement of legislative purpose, see § 1, ch. 30, SLA 1985 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

Sec. 35.40.030. Woodrow Johansen Expressway. In Fairbanks, the controlled access highway connecting the Geist Road at University Avenue and the Steese Highway interchange is named the Woodrow Johansen Expressway. (§ 2 ch 33 SLA 1988)

Cross references. — For legislative findings, see sec. 1, ch. 33, SLA 1988 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

Sec. 35.40.035. Veterans' memorials. (a) In Anchorage, the Glenn Highway from mile 0 to mile 9 is designated the Veterans' Memorial Parkway.

(b) In Fairbanks, the bridge to be built across the Chena River at Barnette Street, is named the Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

(c) In Juneau, the Glacier Highway from Auke Bay (mile 12) to Echo Cove (mile 39) is designated the Juneau Veterans' Memorial Highway. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.040. Robert J. Mitchell Expressway. The South Fairbanks Expressway from the Parks Highway and Airport Road interchange to the Richardson Highway is named the Robert J. Mitchell Expressway. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.045. Crabbie's Crossing. Bridge number 694 at milepost 231.2 on the George Parks Highway is named Crabbie's Crossing. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.050. Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridge. The bridge to be built across Tongass Narrows to Gravina Island shall be named the Ralph M. Bartholomew Veterans' Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989; am § 1 ch 28 SLA 1998)

Effect of amendments. — The 1998 amendment, effective August 4, 1998, substituted "Ralph M. Bartholomew" for "Gravina."

Sec. 35.40.055. Clint Starnes Memorial Bridge. The bridge over the Swanson River in the Captain Cook Park area is named the Clint Starnes Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.060. Charles E. Carney Memorial Bridge. The bridge over the Little Susitna River on North Shushana Drive in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is named the Charles E. Carney Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 56 SLA 1989)

Sec. 35.40.065. Chief Eddie Hoffman Road. The Bethel Airport road is named the Chief Eddie Hoffman Road. (§ 2 ch 86 SLA 1989)

Revisor's notes. — Enacted as AS 35.40.035. Re-numbered in 1989. connection with the enactment of this section, see § 1, ch. 86, SLA 1989 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

Cross references. — For legislative findings in

Sec. 35.40.070. Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway. The road connecting Nome and Teller is named the Bob Blodgett Nome-Teller Highway. (§ 1 ch 8 SLA 1991)

Sec. 35.40.075. Ina Johnston Bridge. Bridge number 1192 on Edgerton Park Road over the Little Susitna River is named Ina Johnston Bridge. (§ 1 ch 8 SLA 1991)

Sec. 35.40.080. Briggs Bridge. Bridge number 1739 on Eagle River Loop Road over the Eagle River is named the Briggs Bridge. (§ 1 ch 124 SLA 1992)

Sec. 35.40.085. Black veterans recognition bridge. Bridge number 503 on the Alaska Highway over the Gerstle River at milepost 1392 is named Black Veterans Recognition Bridge. (§ 2 ch 42 SLA 1993)

Cross references. — For statement of legislative purpose in enacting this section, see § 1, ch. 42, SLA 1993 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

Effective dates. — Section 2, ch. 42, SLA 1993, which enacted this section, took effect on August 30, 1993.

Sec. 35.40.090. Manvil H. Olson Bridge. Bridge number 1030 off Schrock Road over the Little Susitna River is named the Manvil H. Olson Bridge. (§ 1 ch 19 SLA 1994)

Effective dates. — Section 1, ch. 19, SLA 1994, which enacted this section, took effect on August 3, 1994.

Sec. 35.40.095. Mountain View Road. State Route 296308 in Gustavus between the junction with the Good River Road and the boundary of the Glacier Bay National Park is named Mountain View Road. (§ 1 ch 7 SLA 1997)

Effective dates. — Section 1, ch. 7, SLA 1997, which enacted this section, took effect on July 1, 1997.

Sec. 35.40.100. George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge. Palmer Memorial Bridge. Bridge number 1951 on the Old Glenn Highway over the Matanuska River is named the George W. Palmer Memorial Bridge. (§ 1 ch 110 SLA 1997)

Effective dates. — Section 1, ch. 110, SLA 1997, which enacted this section, took effect on September 30, 1997.

Sec. 35.40.105. East Egan Drive. That portion of the Richardson Highway in Valdez between the intersection with Meals Avenue and the east intersection with Mineral Creek Loop Road is renamed East Egan Drive. (§ 1 ch 111 SLA 1997)

Revisor's notes. — Enacted as AS 35.40.100. Re-numbered in 1997. which enacted this section, took effect on September 30, 1997.

Effective dates. — Section 1, ch. 111, SLA 1997,

Sec. 35.40.110. Robert B. Atwood Building. After March 31, 2002, the state office building at 550 West Seventh Avenue in Anchorage is named the Robert B. Atwood Building. The name of the building may be changed before March 31, 2002, if a lessee and the state agree to a new name before March 31, 2002. (§ 1 ch 3 SLA 1998)

Effective dates. — Section 1, ch. 3, SLA 1998, which enacted this section, took effect on June 4, 1998.

Sec. 35.40.115. Herman Leirer Road. Exit Glacier Road off the Seward Highway near Seward is renamed Herman Leirer Road. (§ 1 ch 11 SLA 1998)

Revisor's notes. — Enacted as AS 35.40.110. Re-numbered in 1998.

Effective dates. — Section 1, ch. 11, SLA 1998, which enacted this section, took effect on July 8, 1998.

Chapter 95. General Provisions.

Section

- 10. Purpose and intent
- 100. Definitions

Sec. 35.95.010. Purpose and intent. The purpose of AS 35.05, AS 35.10, AS 35.15, and AS 35.20 is to establish a public works department capable of carrying out a public works planning and construction program that will provide public buildings necessary to efficient government, and boat harbors, jetties, dikes and breakwaters necessary to the economy of Alaska communities, all of which is to the advantage and benefit of the general welfare of the public. (§ 2 art I title I ch 152 SLA 1957; am § 32 ch 71 SLA 1972)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 35.25.010. Re-numbered in 1987.

Sec. 35.95.100. Definitions. In this title, unless the context requires otherwise,
(1) "construction" or a derivative of the term "construction" means construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement or major repair;
(2) "cost of change, relocation, or removal" means the entire cost incurred by the utility properly attributed to the change, relocation, or removal of a facility, less any costs for improvements or upgrading over and above the cost of a functionally equal facility; if a facility is to be relocated and replaced with new equipment, there shall also be subtracted from the entire cost any salvage value derived from the old facility;



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12/10/99

MICHAEL J. LAMB
CHIEF OF POLICE

PHONE: (907) 745-4811
FAX: (907) 745-4276

Honorable Vic Kohring

7 December 1999

On May 15, 1999 law enforcement agencies around the country were honoring fallen officers for Police Memorial Day. I spent 14 hours that day assisting the Alaska State Troopers process the crime scene where Officer James Rowland was killed at 1:30 AM just off the Palmer/Wasilla Highway in Palmer. Officer Rowland was the first officer killed in the line of duty for the Palmer Police Department and to my knowledge, from the Mat-Su Valley.

I would like to request a bill be introduced that would co-name the Palmer/Wasilla Highway as the "James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway." For mail and address purposes the connection from Palmer to Wasilla can remain the Palmer/Wasilla Highway. Something as simple as blue sign could be attached to the existing signs.

Officer Rowland's death was a tremendous tragedy and blow to our community. He grew up in Palmer and at the time of his death lived in the Wasilla area where his widow and son still reside. Many people knew him and mourned his death. Community response to help finish the home he was building for his family was overwhelming. Jim Rowland gave his life for what he believed and will not be forgotten. I believe this last acknowledgment of a cop's professionalism and dedication to the safety of our communities is justified and would be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully,

Thomas Remaley
Sergeant

Subject: HB 266

Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 09:07:47 -0900

From: Amy Erickson <Amy_Erickson@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Randy_Lorenz@legis.state.ak.us

Randy,

Do you happen to have the address for the Rowland family, Hallie and James III? I'd like to respond to their letter by mentioning Vic's HB 266 but am unable to confirm their addresses through voter registration.

Thanks,
Amy

Subject: Palmer-Wasilla Highway

Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:55:41 -0900

From: Roger & Theresa Billiet <billiet@ptialaska.net>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Mr. Kohring,

I would like to tell you that I 100% support the idea of naming the Palmer/Wasilla Highway after slain Palmer Police Officer Jim Rowland. I knew Jim personally, and I can think of no one else who deserves such an honor more than him and his surviving family. Thank You!

Roger Billiet

Subject:

Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:52:59 -0900

From: "George & Sharon Garren" <garren@denalics.net>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Mr. Kohring,

My family would like to express our support in changing the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. to the James Rowland Memorial Parkway.

Sharon Garren

Renaming Palmer-Wasilla Highway

Subject: Renaming Palmer-Wasilla Highway

Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:59:29 -0500

From: "Dale Besse" <hdb7@home.com>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Sir,

This email is to voice support in renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway after slain policeman James R. Rowland, II. I believe it would be a fitting tribute to a man who gave his all for his community. Jim Rowland was my brother in law, married to my sister Hallie. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Henry D. Besse
7823 Hampton Drive
Morrisville, PA 19067
215-295-2926

Rename the highway

Subject: Rename the highway

Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 10:55:18 EST

From: Heidiboink@aol.com

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Greetings.

I support the effort to rename the Palmer/Wasila Highway in honor of Jim Rowland, the officer that gave his life in the line of duty.
James Newbold

Subject: Fwd: House Bill 266
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 10:44:08 EST
From: Devonites@cs.com
To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: House Bill 266
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:28:25 EST
From: Devonites@cs.com
To: Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us
CC: JaniceF.I@aol.com, bigdaddydonut@yahoo.com, hkgoodrich@juno.com

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express support of renaming Palmer-Wasilla Highway after slain police officer James R. Rowland, II. It would be a touching and honorable tribute to a person who died while protecting his community. Jim certainly was zealous in his duties as a police officer, and died doing what he loved best.

Jim Rowland was my brother in law, married to my younger sister Hallie. Renaming the highway on which he died will help to seal his memory within the community, but more importantly, provide a lasting legacy for his 5 year old son that his father died a hero. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

On a closing note, I'd like to add that my parents as well of all my siblings have lived in Alaska for several years, at one point or another. We love Alaska's beauty and the people who live there!

Sincerely,
Pattie Tanno
3413 West Devon Rd
Muncie, IN 47304

n support'

Subject: In support

Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 07:28:20 -0500 (EST)

From: Macdadd@webtv.net

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Dear sir,

I am in support of changing the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the name of the policeman who lost his life in the line of duty, the Jim Rowland Highway. Please support this bill. Thanks.

Dennis Langdon

Re: Renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway

Subject: Re: Renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway

Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 05:47:59 EST

From: JaniceFJ@aol.com

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Mr. Kohring:

I would like to voice my support in renaming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway after the late James A. Rowland, II. Jim was my brother-in-law and he gave the ultimate price for service to his community when he was killed in the line of duty as a policeman. As such, I believe renaming the highway would be an appropriate honor that would be appreciated very much by his loved-ones, as well as others who knew him.

Sincerely,
Janice Johnson
6121 S. Proctor Road
Muncie, IN 47302
(765) 286-8656

Re-naming of Hwy.

Subject: Re-naming of Hwy.

Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 05:10:57 EST

From: KER194@aol.com

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I recently heard of a proposal to rename a Hwy after the slain Law Enforcement officer. I wanted to write in order to offer my support for this idea. Please continue on this effort.

Thank you,
Kurt E. Rasco

ParaBandit@aol.com wrote:

I am writing you in support of the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the "Jim Rowland Highway".

Thanks for your support.

Dave Bridgman

Jeff Sterling wrote:

Mr. Kohring, As a SDPD officer I support renaming a highway after an officer killed in the line of duty. Please add my name to the list of supporters. Thank you. Jeff Sterling

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MARK CARLSON wrote:

I just want you to know that we support the renaming of the PALMER/WASILLA Highway to the Jim ROWLAND Highway.

Sincerely,

Mark Carlson

Barbara Carlson

SW2944MAG@aol.com wrote:

Dear Sir,

Just a short letter in support of renaming the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to The James Rowland Highway. It seems a small thing in the wake of a dead Police Officer. A small thing indeed.

Walter Skodmin
P.B.A. 152
Middlesex County N.J.

Kathy Schwartz wrote:

I support the bill to rename
the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.
This is a great idea and a tribute to our dedicated law enforcement people
in Alaska.

kelly swihart wrote:

Dear Mr. Kohring,

I am a police officer in Palmer, and would like to take a moment to express my thanks to you for supporting HB266. Jim Rowland was a close friend of mine and a good officer.

You may remember on 10 July 1998, our department came in contact with Michael Griffin. Griffin was wanted in connection with a burglary that had happened earlier in Wasilla. After Griffin's arrest, he was able to steal Officer Rowland's police car, and subsequently tried to run down Trooper Sgt. Ballard and myself. Jim Rowland saved my life that evening by shooting Griffin as Griffin tried to run me over with the stolen patrol car. This was a horrible incident Officer Rowland, and the rest of us, had to endure, but Jim did so selflessly and professionally. Jim always put others first and himself second.

Jim Rowland was a good and well respected person in our community. He gave so much of himself in everything he did. I believe that dedicating the Palmer Wasilla Highway to Jim is a fitting way for the community he did so much for to give a little back.

Again, I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Kelly P. Swihart

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Tim & Jennifer Bleicher wrote:

Dear Sir, Several of my friends and I are very interested in supporting the proposal to also name the Palmer/Wasilla Highway the "Officer Jim Rowland Memorial Highway". Let us never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by those serving the public in our state. Thank you, Tim Bleicher PO Box 3476 Palmer, Ak 99645

GERM578@aol.com wrote:

Mr. Kohring,

I am writing to you in reference to the bill to have the name of the Palmer/Wasilla highway changed in honor of fallen Officer Jim Rowland. I fully support your efforts and wish you luck in getting the bill and name change passed quickly.

Jim Miller
PBA 152
Middlesex County, NJ

margie escobar wrote:

Rep. Kohring,

I am writing to express my support for the renaming of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. I can not think of a more appropriate way to show our respect and honor to Officer Rowland's family and his memory. As time heals the painful memory of this tragic loss, renaming this road will allow us and future generations to never forget the sacrifice Officer Rowland made.

I am writing this letter as friend, co-worker and neighbor of Officer Rowland.

Sincerely,
Margie Escobar

Rotny@netscape.net wrote:

Naming a highway after a fallen comrade would be a great tribute to the dedication and sacrifice of all police officers. Jim Rowland Highway

Sergeant Rod Vandiver
San Diego Police Department

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Kevin Tiemann wrote:

Dear Sir,

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Sincerely,
Kay Tiemann
Boise, Idaho

Ryan Rockom wrote:

Dear Sir. I would like to voice my support for the bill that would rename the Palmer/Wasilla highway, the "Jim Rowland Highway." It's the least that we Alaskans can do to show our support and respect for Officer Rowland, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Thank you for your consideration. Ryan Rockom Anchorage

Robert Langendorfer wrote:

I support the idea of turning the Palmer Wasilla Hwy. to the Jim Rowland Highway. The fact that he gave his life to serve the community has far more importance than keeping the old road name just because that is what it has been called.

Trp. Rob Langendorfer

Subject: Support

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 06:56:40 PST

From: "Trad Gulbranson" <tradgg@hotmail.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Representative,

Based on the circumstances of this tragedy, I would support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,

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Jim Rowland Highway

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 08:36:08 -0600

From: "Eric Macklanburg" <emack31@email.msn.com>

Organization: Microsoft Corporation

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,

Eric D. Macklanburg

Jim Rowland Highway

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 04:29:49 -0800

From: "RD Glass" <windoman@adnc.com>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Sir:

I am e-mailing you to let you know I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. Although I did not know Jim, I am a law enforcement officer and I think that renaming a highway in your district would be a nice memorial to this officer. Thank you for submitting this proposal. Ron Glass

name of Palmer Wasilla highway

Subject: name of Palmer Wasilla highway

Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 23:54:47 PST

From: "william krostek" <wjkrostek@hotmail.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I'm against you renameing The highway as reported in the Frontiersman today.
Just tought I'd let you know.

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Re: Bill to change hiway name

Subject: Re: Bill to change hiway name
Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 20:36:53 -0900
From: Representative Vic Kohring <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>
Organization: Alaska State Legislature
To: Tyler Chavers <tylerc@gci.net>

Dear Yler:

I appreciate your message regarding re-naming the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the James Rowland Memorial Highway. I agree that it's an appropriate honor to bestow upon him. I've drafted and filed legislation to accomplish this, and our first hearing will be next Tuesday in the House Transportation Committee.

Thank you for your correspondence, and I wish you and your family a happy 2000.

With best regards,

Rep. Vic Kohring

P.S. Thanks also for the quote from Ghandhi. It was excellent.

Tyler Chavers wrote:

> VIC-
>
> I support, and am asking you to move on the issue (bill), of changing the
> name of the Palmer/Wasilla hiway to the "Jim Rowland Memorial Hiway" in
> honor of this Law Enforcement Officer who gave everything he had doing the
> job he was sworn to do.
>
> Thank You,
>
> A brother officer,
>
> Tyler Chavers 696-7692
>
> "The 8 blunders that lead to violence in society: Wealth w/o work, Pleasure
> w/o conscience, Knowledge w/o character, Commerce w/o morality, Science w/o
> humanity, Worship w/o sacrifice, Politics w/o principle, and Rights w/o
> responsibilities."- Mohandas K. Ghandhi

Dear Rep. Tohring,

I am in favor of House
Bill # 206 passing!

As friends of the slain
Palmer Police officer, I
appreciate the work you
& your aides are doing
to promote the memory of
Jim Rowland!

Thanks -

Mrs. Jean Hughes

Ward. 7 W-00; 111. January 11, 2000

Attention: Rep. Vic Kohring:

I am strongly in favor of
House Bill # 266 passing.

Thank you for your efforts
in honoring my friend, slain
Palmer Police Officer,

James Roland

by re-naming the Palmer -
Wasilla Highway in memory
of James Roland.

Thank you for your efforts
and influence in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward L. Hughes

The Highway

Subject: The Highway

Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 02:53:07 -0500 (EST)

From: John Cyr <sandyjohn@write.me.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Sir,

I worked with Jim for two years. We were sworn in together as Palmer City Reserve Officers. I was hired as a Full time officer before Jim and he then later became my shift partner. Jim and I worked together for about 1 year before I moved to the Troopers. I would like to see the Highway's name changed.

John Cyr.

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Renaming Palmer/Wasilla Highway

Subject: Renaming Palmer/Wasilla Highway

Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:56:01 -0500

From: "PatriciaPierce" <papierce@ij.net>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Please consider the renaming of the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated. Thanks

Richard and Patricia Pierce

Jim Rowland Highway

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:15:29 PST

From: "Evans Family" <evans_6@hotmail.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Sir-

As a police officer, i put my life on the line everyday with no regard of what my death might do to my family in protection of the people. My family and myself support this bill and urge you to do the right think.

Johnny Evans

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Jim Rowland Highway

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 08:15:42 PST

From: "Evans Family" <evans_6@hotmail.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Sir-

As a police officer, i put my life on the line everyday with no regard of what my death might do to my family in protection of the people. My family and myself support this bill and urge you to do the right thing.
Johnny Evans

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Rename Palmer/Wasilla Hwy.

Subject: Rename Palmer/Wasilla Hwy.

Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 16:24:52 GMT

From: "K W" <kwaitman@hotmail.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Please support the bill to rename
the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,
Kay Waitman

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(no subject)

Subject: (no subject)

Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:57:50 EST

From: LSD321@aol.com

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Good Evening,

As the wife of an officer losing my husband in the line of fire is one my greatest fears. Please count me as a supporter on the Palmer/Wasilla Highway.

Lissette D. Shumny
New Jersey

Support the renaming of highway

Subject: Support the renaming of highway

Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:09:18 EST

From: PEASWEET78@aol.com

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

My husband and I are in full support of a bill to rename the highway, "James Rowland Highway." It is the least we can do for a person who swore to serve and protect the people of Alaska because it cost him his life.
Jennifer and David McGough

Subject: House Bill #266

Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 09:42:01 -0900

From: Steve Stewart <alaskabestpawn@matnet.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Thursday January 13, 2000

Re: House Bill #266

Representative Kohring,

This letter is to inform you that we fully support the re-naming of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway, in honor of slain Palmer Police Officer Rowland.

As the owners of Alaska Best Pawn, located at Mile 2.3 Palmer-Wasilla Highway, and of other property along this highway, we do not think this will affect our business in any detrimental way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ruth and Steve Stewart
HC01 6027A10
Palmer, Alaska 99645
(907) 745-7033

Subject: House Bill #266

Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 10:17:17 -0900

From: Steve Stewart <alaskabestpawn@matnet.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Thursday January 13, 2000

Re: House Bill #266

Representative Kohring,

This email is to inform you that we support the renaming of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway in memory of the Palmer Police Officer killed in the line of duty.

We both grew up in the Valley and after some time in Anchorage, we are returning to the Valley. I had known Jim Rowland all my life and think his memory should be honored in this way.

Thank you,

Amber and Chris Kulhanek
2267 Lake Lucille Drive
Wasilla, AK 99654
(907) 373-7563
email: jesterak@yahoo.com

Subject: House Bill #266

Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 09:59:11 -0900

From: Steve Stewart <alaskabestpawn@matnet.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Thursday January 13, 2000

Re: House Bill #266

Representative Kohring,

This letter is to inform you that I fully support the re-naming of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway, in honor of slain Palmer Police Officer Rowland.

As the owner of Tools and Tarps, located at Mile 2.3 Palmer-Wasilla Highway, I do not think this will affect my business in any harmful way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Katina Stewart
HC01 6027C
Palmer, AK 99645
(907) 745-7037
email: katina@matnet.com

Jim Rowland Highway

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 08:36:08 -0600

From: "Eric Macklanburg" <emack31@email.msn.com>

Organization: Microsoft Corporation

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,

Eric D. Macklanburg

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 04:29:49 -0800

From: "RD Glass" <windoman@adnc.com>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Sir:

I am e-mailing you to let you know I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. Although I did not know Jim, I am a law enforcement officer and I think that renaming a highway in your district would be a nice memorial to this officer. Thank you for submitting this proposal. Ron Glass

Jim Rowland

Subject: Jim Rowland

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 13:30:30 -0800

From: Stan and Brenda Glisson <glisson@jetcity.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.
Brenda Glisson

IM ROWLAND

Subject: JIM ROWLAND

Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 08:00:59 -0900

From: Sabrina Carlyle <sabrinac@afmcpas.com>

To: "representative_vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us" <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.a

Mr. Kohring,

We SUPPORT your bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the "Jim Rowland Highway". What a wonderful way to honor him and his family.

Sabrina and Jim Carlyle

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Subject: I would like to voice my support in renaming Palmer-Wasilla Hwy to Jim Rowland in remembrance of a f

Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 06:44:53 -0600

From: "Jim Malone" <Jim.Malone@wnco.com>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

I would like to voice my support in renaming Palmer-Wasilla Hwy to Jim Rowland in remembrance of a fallen officer.

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 04:29:49 -0800

From: "RD Glass" <windoman@adnc.com>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Sir:

I am e-mailing you to let you know I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. Although I did not know Jim, I am a law enforcement officer and I think that renaming a highway in your district would be a nice memorial to this officer. Thank you for submitting this proposal. Ron Glass

Support for P/W rename.

Subject: Support for P/W rename.

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 10:01:31 -0900

From: monbo <monbo@gci.net>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Terry Smith

Jim Rowland Highway

Subject: Jim Rowland Highway

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 10:51:18 -0600

From: "Shane & Heather" <barbers@mtaonline.net>

To: <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Representative Vic Kohring,

I think it is a wonderful idea to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway. I look forward to the change.

Thankyou, Heather Barber(Palmer)

(no subject)

Subject: (no subject)

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 20:28:30 EST

From: Reeber73@aol.com

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I am a Police officer and I would like to lend my support to the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the James Rowland Highway. Too many officers are killed and not enough is done to preserve the memory of people who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving the public.

Reeber73@aol.com

highway .

Subject: highway

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 20:39:38 -0900

From: fatboy@gci.net (Schwing)

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I strongly support the Bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the "James Rowland Highway."

Ron Schwing
17342 Rachel Ave.
Eagle River, AK 99577

(no subject)

Subject: (no subject)

Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 10:09:59 EST

From: Glennring@aol.com

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Vic, This is just a note to let you know I strongly support the Bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the "James Rowland Highway"

Rename Highway

Subject: Rename Highway

Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 00:59:21 -0900

From: "Harold Morton, Jr." <mortcpa@alaska.net>

To: Vic Kohring <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>,
Sabrina Carlyle <sabrinac@afmcpas.com>

We support your bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the "Jim Rowland Highway" to honor Jim Rowland.

Harold and Barbara Morton

Subject: Support for Jim Roland Highway

Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 16:18:55 -0800

From: Dave Lunder <dlunder@rcnmail.com>

To: "Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us" <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.

Dear Representative Kohring,

This e-mail is a show of my support for your bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway in honor of Jim Roland.

I did not know Mr. Roland, however I know his friends that are fellow officers. They are fine people putting themselves in harms way every day so that we can enjoy a better quality of life. Please push hard for the passage of your bill.

Sincerely,
David C. Lunder, P.E.
Las Vegas, Nevada

Support .

Subject: Support

Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 06:56:40 PST

From: "Trad Gulbranson" <tradgg@hotmail.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Representative,

Based on the circumstances of this tragedy, I would support the bill to rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway to the Jim Rowland Highway.

Thank you,

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name of Palmer Wasilla highway

Subject: name of Palmer Wasilla highway

Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 23:54:47 PST

From: "william krostek" <wjkkrostek@hotmail.com>

To: Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us

I'm against you renameing The highway as reported in the Frontiersman today.
Just thought I'd let you know.

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Subject: [Fwd: House Bill 266]
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 12:43:49 -0900
From: w <wcrenz@alaska.net>
Organization: Unknown Organization
To: Vic Kohring <Representative_Vic_Kohring@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: House Bill 266
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 12:30:49 -0900
From: w <wcrenz@alaska.net>
Organization: Unknown Organization
To: Rrrepresentative_Vic_Kohring@leis.state.ak.us

I understand the emotional feelings of Memorializing Officer Rowland. To insure his Memory in the community, it would be best remembered in his community where it will mean something to his community. How many people know where Eisenhower Corridor or Veteran's Memorial Parkway are? Better yet, how many people know who the Glenn Hwy, Richardson Hwy or Parks Hwy were named after? It means nothing to 95% of the people that lives on or travels over these Highways. In two to three years from now very few people out side Rowland's Family and close friends will remember his scarifies. People have a very short memory for Heroes, that is the really world. There should be a remembering in the community not the borcugh. I would rather see a monument at his death site or in front of the Police Department.

Count me in opposition to renaming or co-naming Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

Wayne Renz, Wasilla

Subject: HB 266

Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 23:14:22 -0900

From: S Dennis-Brown <gbrown@customcpu.com>

To: Representative_Andrew_Halcro@legis.state.ak.us

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill 266, to dedicate or rename the Palmer/Wasilla Highway after the Palmer Police Officer, James Rowland, who was killed May 15, 1999.

Late last year you received a letter from me asking you to support a bill naming the Palmer Juvenile Detention Center after James Rowland. At the same time I was writing this letter to you, Sergeant Thomas Remaley of the Palmer Police Department requested of our local legislators that the Palmer/Wasilla highway be renamed after Jim, much like what was done for Trooper Bruce Hecht on the Glenn Highway. So Representative Vic Kohring and Scott Ogan have done so in HB 266. We ask that you please support this bill. It doesn't matter to us if either the juvenile center or the highway is named after Jim, just so that his memory is honored and his sacrifice for the safety of his hometown is never forgotten. It would also be a wonderful way to thank the Officers who are out there everyday, continuing on putting themselves in harms way to keep us safe.

Thank you so much for your time and your support,
Stephanie Dennis-Brown