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Senator Barbara Sharief Files Bill to Support Historic African American Cemeteries

Davie, FL – Florida State Senator Barbara Sharief (District 35) has filed **SB 34**, legislation to help preserve historic African American cemeteries across Florida. The bill allows these cemeteries to sell or repurpose excess vacant land to fund long-term maintenance, with local governments required to approve land use and zoning changes to match surrounding areas.

“This bill ensures these important historic sites are preserved and honored for generations to come,” said Senator Sharief.

SB 34 builds on the Historic Cemeteries Program established in 2023, supporting the ongoing preservation of African American burial sites statewide.

If passed, SB 34 will take effect **July 1, 2026**.

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