

By Senator Silver

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to highway designations;  
3           designating a portion of State Road A1A as  
4           "Morris Lapidus Boulevard"; providing an  
5           effective date.

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7           WHEREAS, Morris Lapidus was brought to this country in  
8           1902 at 6 months of age by Russian-Jewish immigrant parents,  
9           was raised in poverty in New York, and graduated from Columbia  
10          University in 1927 with a degree in architecture, and

11          WHEREAS, Morris Lapidus began exercising his influence  
12          on the style of Miami Beach as an associate architect in 1947,  
13          contributing his unique flair to numerous hotels, and began  
14          his career as architect with the Fontainebleau, completed in  
15          1954, and

16          WHEREAS, his architecture established Miami Beach as  
17          the resort destination of the world and made that architecture  
18          the ideal of the resort experience, and

19          WHEREAS, Morris Lapidus' style brought glamor and  
20          elegance to South Florida and by its design invited and  
21          created a new enterprise for film in the area, and

22          WHEREAS, Lincoln Road Mall, designed by Morris Lapidus  
23          pro bono, today is considered the heart of Miami Beach, and

24          WHEREAS, the Theater of the Performing Arts, home of  
25          "The Jackie Gleason Show," was designed by Morris Lapidus  
26          Associates, which designed hotels, apartment buildings,  
27          schools, and hospitals on Miami Beach from 1947 to 1983, and

28          WHEREAS, Morris Lapidus has been honored and recognized  
29          by the Smithsonian Institution as an "American Original," NOW,  
30          THEREFORE,

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