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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to highway designations; designating a portion of State Road AlA as "Morris Lapidus Boulevard"; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. That portion of State Road AlA that begins 2,000 feet north of relocated 44th Street and extends south to just south of Lincoln Road in Miami Beach, including that portion of State Road AlA between 44th Street and 25th Street on which southbound traffic is carried on Indian Creek Drive and northbound traffic is carried on Collins Avenue, is designated "Morris Lapidus Boulevard." The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating "Morris Lapidus Boulevard." Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. SENATE SUMMARY Designates a described portion of State Road AlA in Miami Beach as "Morris Lapidus Boulevard."