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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to building designations;
designating the Florida Welcome Center on
Interstate 75 at the Georgia state line as the
"Joseph O. Striska Florida Welcome Center";
directing the Department of Transportation to
erect suitable markers; providing an effective
date.

WHEREAS, Joseph O. Striska had over 30 years'
experience in Florida's camping, association, and tourism
industries, and

WHEREAS, Joseph O. Striska began his tourism career in
1973 with the KOA company-operated park system and managed
several Florida KOA parks and owned his own park and
campground, and

WHEREAS, from 1985 to 1992 Joseph O. Striska served as
General Manager of the Bryn Mawr Ocean Resort in St. Augustine
and was actively involved in the Florida Campground
Association, serving as a board director, treasurer, vice
president, and president, and

WHEREAS, Joseph O. Striska became Executive Director
and President of the Florida Association of R.V. Parks and
Campgrounds in 1993 and during his tenure, membership in the
association more than doubled, and the camping industry became
a cornerstone of the tourism industry, and

WHEREAS, Joseph O. Striska was appointed by Governor
Lawton Chiles to the Florida Commission on Tourism in 1994,
and

1 WHEREAS, Joseph O. Striska was a founding partner of
2 VISIT Florida and served as a commissioner and a chairman of
3 the visitor services committee, and

4 WHEREAS, Joseph O. Striska had a strong commitment to
5 visitor services and his guidance and contributions concerning
6 Florida's welcome centers reflect his dedicated leadership,
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Joseph O. Striska's advocacy of Florida's
9 tourism industry, and his many accomplishments that make a
10 remarkable legacy, will be long remembered and he will be
11 deeply missed due to a tragic automobile accident August 11,
12 2004, that took his life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Joseph O. Striska Florida Welcome Center
17 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable
18 markers.--

19 (1) The Florida Welcome Center on Interstate 75 at the
20 Georgia state line is designated as the "Joseph O. Striska
21 Florida Welcome Center."

22 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
23 erect suitable markers designating the Joseph O. Striska
24 Florida Welcome Center as described in subsection (1).

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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28 SENATE SUMMARY

29 Designates the state welcome center on I-75 at the
30 Georgia state line as the Joseph O. Striska Florida
31 Welcome Center. Provides for the erection of markers.