

**THE FLORIDA HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES  
The Honorable Dorothy  
Bendross-Mindingall**



**District 109**

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**FLORIDA HOUSE PASSES BENDROSS-MINDINGALL BILL**

*Rep. Bendross-Mindingall's legislation designating Osun's Village and the African and Caribbean Cultural Arts Corridor in Miami-Dade County passes the Florida House.*

**TALLAHASSEE, FL--** Creating a cultural and tourism destination in Miami-Dade County, Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall's (D-Miami) legislation Thursday passed the Florida House unanimously. Osun's Village, which will run from NW 54<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 60<sup>th</sup> Street, and the African and Caribbean Cultural Arts Corridor, which will run from NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 79<sup>th</sup> Street, in Liberty City, will provide a much needed boost to revitalizing the economy of our communities.

"I'm delighted to have bipartisan support for this monumental bill," said Rep. Bendross-Mindingall. "This legislation will positively impact our communities, and will educate future generations about the rich heritage of African and Caribbean cultures."

Osun's (pronounced Oh-shoonz) Village is an urban redevelopment project developed by Chief Nathaniel Styles and Harlan Woodard of KDI/Architecture and Community Builders Holistic Development Corporation. The Operation of the Osun Village will be a celebration of the art, culture, and heritage of people of African descent throughout the Diaspora. The project will also establish international trade and cultural exchange linkages with Osun State in Nigeria, ultimately establishing a Sister City Relationship.

The Osun's Village and African Caribbean Cultural Arts Corridor will be the first of many initiatives which will promote: workforce development in the cultural industry; social change by creating access through transportation; cross-cultural awareness which will stimulate economic growth throughout our urban communities; and international trade and commerce.

**HB 121 also designates other roads and facilities throughout the State of Florida; including Reverend Samuel Atchison Boulevard, Reverend Gerard Jean-Juste Boulevard, and the Adam Leigh Cann building in Miami.**

**SB 308 The Senate sponsor of the companion bill (SB 308) is Senator Larcenia Bullard (D-Miami) and co-sponsored by Senator Fredericka Wilson (D-Miami).**

**The bill was unanimously passed and signed into law by Governor Bush on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

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