

ACT NO. 9 0 4 8

BILL NO. 36-0058

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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An act honoring and commending Dennis “Pumpa” Lennox Leroy Liburd, Jr. for his many contributions to the Virgin Islands culture and music industry as a Soca artist by awarding him the Official key to the Territory and naming the main entrance of 6-Y Peters Rest Road, Christiansted, St. Croix in his honor

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WHEREAS, on December 10, 1986, Dennis Lennox Leroy Liburd, Jr., better known as “Pumpa”, was born in Cayon, St. Kitts; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Pumpa’s parents, who are originally from St. Kitts and Pumpa relocated to St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa is one of twelve children between his biological parents and was raised in Peters Rest, Christiansted, St. Croix, where he spent his formative years; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa attended Lew Muckle Elementary School, Elena Christian Junior High School, and St. Croix Central High School, graduating in June 2005; and

WHEREAS, during his elementary school years, his classmates gave him the nickname “Pumpa” in recognition of his exceptional athletic abilities; a name that would later come to symbolize the boundless energy Pumpa brings to his musical performances worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Pumpa’s passion for music led him to begin his musical career as the lead singer of Rocking Vibe Band; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Pumpa joined the Xtaushun Band, where he performed as a lead singer until 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, after the Xtaushun Band disbanded, Pumpa embarked on a successful solo career, balancing his music with higher education and athletics; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa attended Bryant & Stratton College in Syracuse, New York, on a soccer scholarship, earning an Associate's Degree in Business Administration before transferring to Monroe College in New Rochelle, New York, in 2007, where he completed his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa's musical career was deeply inspired by Nicholas "Daddy" Friday of the Awesome Jamband and Machel Montano; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa successfully established himself as a solo Soca artist; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa, as an accredited producer, co-produced his first international song, "Massage" which was released in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa won the title of USVI Soca Monarch King with his hit song "Honk Yo Horn"; and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 St. Croix Carnival, Pumpa's performance of "VI Up" earned him the title of 2014-2015 VI Soca Party Monarch; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Pumpa has won three Road March titles: in 2004, with "Energy" while performing with the Xtaushun Band; in 2005, with "Babysitting Club" (also known as "Gasoline") with the Xtaushun Band; and in 2017, with "Back Together" as a solo artist; and

WHEREAS, at the 2016-2017 St. Croix Crucian Christmas Festival, Pumpa made history as the first solo Soca artist from the Virgin Islands to win a Road March title with his song "Back Together"; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa has toured Antigua, Saint Maarten, St. Kitts, Anguilla, Grenada, London, Trinidad, Florida, Texas, Georgia, New York, the British Virgin Islands, and numerous other locations, proudly promoting the Virgin Islands through his music; and

WHEREAS, he became the first Virgin Islands Soca artist to achieve international success, representing the Virgin Islands on the Uber Soca Cruise in 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024, with confirmed performances for the 2025 and 2026 sailings; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa's international breakout song, "A-List", has surpassed 1.5 million views on YouTube, further solidifying his global recognition; and

WHEREAS, at the 2024 Caribbean Music Awards, Pumpa was honored with the Impact Award in recognition of his influence and impact on Caribbean music; and

WHEREAS, for the 2025 Trinidad Carnival Season, Pumpa collaborated with Soca icon, Machel Montano, who he has performed alongside multiple times, on the hit song “Her Mudda”; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa is proud to represent the Virgin Islands wherever he goes—whether through his music, the flag, or even the clothing he wears—always keeping the spirit of the VI close to his heart; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa’s music is fueled by the love and support of his fans, his dedication to Soca, and the unwavering encouragement of his fiancée, Larissa, and their two children, Xidani and Xenga; and

WHEREAS, Pumpa remains committed to expanding the reach of Virgin Islands music across the Caribbean and beyond, with aspirations to perform on all seven continents; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, honors and commends Dennis “Pumpa” Lennox Leroy Liburd Jr. for his many contributions to the Virgin Islands culture and music industry as a Soca Artist.

SECTION 2. In recognition and appreciation of his contributions to the Virgin Islands culture and music industry as a soca artist, the President of the Legislature, or the President’s designee, shall present the Official Key to the Territory, pursuant to 1 V.I.C §103a.(b), and shall prepare and present a perma plaque copy of this Act to Dennis “Pumpa” Lennox Leroy Liburd Jr. at an appropriate ceremony.

SECTION 3. The main entrance of 6-Y Peters Rest Road, Christiansted, St. Croix is named the “Dennis “Pumpa” Liburd Drive”. The Department of Public Works shall erect a sign bearing this name.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding 33 V.I.C §3087(a), there is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, the sum of \$10,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works to erect the proper signage at the main entrance of 6-Y Peters Rest Road as provided in section 3 and to hold the ceremony as provided in section 2.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on October 30, 2025.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 31st day of October, A.D., 2025.



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Milton E. Potter
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Avery L. Lewis".

Avery L. Lewis
Secretary



Bill No. 36-0058 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, This 10th day of November 2025 A.D.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.".

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor