

ACT NO. 9093

BILL NO. 36-0009

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An act honoring and commending Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt for his years of dedicated service and numerous contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands and naming the Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General building "The Steven van Beverhoudt Inspector General Building"

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WHEREAS, Steven van Beverhoudt was born to Arnold and Herminia van Beverhoudt on the island of St. Thomas and raised in the neighborhoods of Petit House (Denmark Hill) and Forde House (Bred Gade) and grew up surrounded by siblings, including Arnold, Marion, Joan, and Jacqueline;

WHEREAS, as a youngster, Steven van Beverhoudt attended elementary and middle school at Sts. Peter and Paul School and his high school years were spent at All Saints Cathedral School;

WHEREAS, Steven van Beverhoudt attended the College of the Virgin Islands, where he was a member of the President's Club and cited in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and in 1979, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting;

WHEREAS, in 1979, Steven van Beverhoudt received the Wall Street Journal Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement;

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Virgin Islands Bureau of Audit and Control was formed and in 1984, Van Beverhoudt began his work with the Bureau starting as a supervisory auditor and working his way up to audit manager;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1989, then-Governor Alexander A. Farrelly nominated Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt to be Inspector General and his nomination was approved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands and thus he began his first six-year term;

WHEREAS, subsequent Governors continued to show confidence in Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt's ability to lead the territorial agency investigating fraud, waste, and abuse and, in March 1995, he was nominated for a second term by then-Governor Roy Lester Schneider;

WHEREAS, in February 2002, then Governor Charles W. Turnbull nominated Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt for a third term as Inspector General, with the Legislature approving his nomination on June 22, 2002;

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt was nominated again for the position of Inspector General by Governors John P. de Jongh, Jr., and Governor Albert Bryan, Jr; and the Legislative body sitting during those terms confirmed his nomination;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Act No. 6333 was proposed to create an independent Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General and Governor Charles W. Turnbull vetoed the legislation, but senators Violet Anne Golden and Gregory Bennerson helped to override the veto, a two-thirds vote was obtained by the Legislature, and the act was passed and became law;

WHEREAS, Steven van Beverhoudt served his agency with great leadership, putting an emphasis on training his auditing staff through conferences and trainings in the Virgin Islands and abroad, which allowed the Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General to maintained steady membership in the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners;

WHEREAS, under his tutelage, staff earned certificates in Fraud Examinations, Ethics, Audit Reporting and Contract Procurement Fraud;

WHEREAS, Steven van Beverhoudt has earned the respect and confidence of many Virgin Islands Governors and the Legislature of the Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, reflecting on his career, Steven van Beverhoudt takes pride in the good reputation he built for the Office of Inspector General;

WHEREAS, his long tenure has been marked by excellence, with a team that has worked alongside each other in anomalous loyalty, and they have prevented major audits from leaking before they were completed;

WHEREAS, from the Government Employees Retirement System to the executive branch of Government, and the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority among a long list of probes, Mr. Beverhoudt's work has sometimes shaken the territory as was the case with the audit performed of the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital and Medical Center;

WHEREAS, among the most prominent audits, was the audit conducted of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, which led to federal indictments and the conviction of at least two former employees;

WHEREAS, Steven van Beverhoudt led the Office of the Inspector General with great distinction and many of the staff members, still at the office, were hired by Mr. Van Beverhoudt;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Inspector General remains a separate, independent agency of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and functions as the auditing division of the Government;

WHEREAS, in 1980, Steven van Beverhoudt married Myrna Velazques Soto of Frederiksted, St. Croix; together they had two children, Steven, Jr, and Mark (deceased) and they currently share a loving home with three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2021, Mr. Van Beverhoudt retired as the Virgin Islands Inspector General, after 32 years of service; 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 Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt for his lifetime of service, contributions, and dedication to the people of the Virgin Islands.

SECTION 2. The building located at 2315 Kronprindsens Gade, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas must be named "The Steven van Beverhoudt Inspector General Building." The Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General shall erect signage at the main entrance of the building bearing the inscription "The Steven van Beverhoudt Inspector General Building." If the Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General Office is relocated, the successor building, or any successor buildings must be named "The Steven van Beverhoudt Inspector General Building".

SECTION 3. In recognition and appreciation of Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt's contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands, the President of the Legislature, or the President's designee, shall have a perma plaque copy of the resolution prepared and presented to Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on May 28, 2026.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 29th day of May, A.D., 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Milton E. Potter".

Milton E. Potter
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Avery L. Lewis".
Avery L. Lewis
Secretary



Bill No. 36- 0009 is hereby approved.

**Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of
the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, This 9th day of June, 2026 A.D.**

A stylized signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

**Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor**