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ACT NO. 8789

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BILL NO. 35-0014

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2023

An Act posthumously honoring and commending Wayne "Facts Man" Adams for articulating and bringing events of historic significance to the people of the Virgin Islands, by naming the bridge at the Estate Nadir intersection on the island of St. Thomas "The Wayne 'Facts Man' Adams Bridge"

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WHEREAS, Wayne Adams was born to Mario and Doreen Adams on July 12, 1963, at the Knud Hansen Memorial Hospital on the island of St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Adams attended the Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School in Savan from 1968 to 1975, completing kindergarten through the sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Adams attended the Wayne N. Aspinall Junior High School, later renamed the Addelita Cancryn Junior High School, and completed the course of study in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Adams, in 1981, graduated from the Charlotte Amalie School and was honored for achieving the fourth-best academic record out of 310 graduates; and

WHEREAS, while at the Charlotte Amalie School, Wayne Adams enrolled in the ROTC program, ultimately attaining the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Wayne Adams wrote editorials, which were published in the Daily News, a newspaper of general circulation within the United States and British Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, from 1982 to 1983, Wayne Adams worked for several senators of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Wayne Adams visited the island of Jamaica where he met with the High Priest of the Maroons, David "Ziggy" Marley, and Winston "The Burning Spear" Rodney, and visited the St. Ann's Parish where Marcus Garvey, Bob Marley, and Burning Spear were born; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Wayne Adams ran for a seat in the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, becoming the youngest person in the history of the Virgin Islands to run for a seat in the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, between 1986 and 1987, the renowned Reginald "Ras Reg" Martin, on his radio show "Reggae Runnings," christened Wayne Adams with the moniker "Facts Man" for always calling into the radio show and bringing historical facts to the people of the Virgin Islands resulting in the name Wayne "Facts Man" Adams; and

WHEREAS, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams hosted a radio talk show program called "Awareness" on station WVWI 1000, on the island of St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams was a historian specializing in Black History, he was a licensed publisher and owned a publishing company based on the island of St. Thomas, where he published and co-authored fourteen historical posters, and narrated and recorded two historical tapes and discs; and

WHEREAS, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams sang professionally for more than twenty two years and performed on Saturday evening, July 1, 2006, at the St. John Festival Village named "Thomasville" Festival Village; and

WHEREAS, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams visited many countries in Africa, the Caribbean, and Mexico, which allowed him to bring accurate facts about historic events to the people of the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams, while enjoying professional success, was the first to admit his personal challenges and struggles, and when he overcame them, thanked his parents for being at his side when he needed them the most; 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 Wayne "Facts Man" Adams posthumously for his outstanding historical, musical, intellectual, and spiritual contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands and the international community.

SECTION 2. The bridge at the Estate Nadir intersection on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, is named "The Wayne "Facts Man" Adams Bridge" in memory of the late Wayne "Facts Man" Adams.

SECTION 3. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works shall provide for the erection of appropriate signage in an appropriate location at the Estate Nadir Bridge bearing the inscription, The Wayne "Facts Man" Adams Bridge.

SECTION 4. (a) The sum of \$10,000 is appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the

Virgin Islands to the Department of Public Works for the erection of signage for the purpose set forth in section 2.

(b) The sum appropriated in subsection (a) remains available until expended.

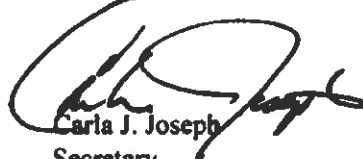
SECTION 5. In recognition and appreciation for his contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands, the President of the Legislature or the President's designee shall have a perma plaque copy of this act prepared and presented to the family, of the late Wayne "Facts Man" Adams, or to the family's designee, at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on November 14, 2023.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 16th Day of November, A.D., 2023.




Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President


Carla J. Joseph
Secretary


LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

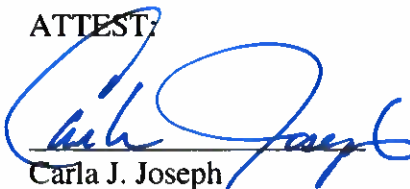
**CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT
NOTWITHSTANDING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, Bill No. 35-0014 - An Act posthumously honoring and commending Wayne "Facts Man" Adams for articulating and bringing events of historic significance to the people of the Virgin Islands, by naming the bridge at the Estate Nadir intersection on the island of St. Thomas "The Wayne 'Facts Man' Adams Bridge" passed by the Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands at its regular session held on November 14, 2023, (a copy of which is attached hereto) and vetoed by the Governor on November 29, 2023, was duly enacted by override by the Thirty-Fifth Legislature at its regular session held on December 19, 2023, pursuant to section 9(d) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, 48 U.S.C. §1575 (d).

DATED: 1.9.24




Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President

ATTEST:

Carla J. Joseph
Legislative Secretary