

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

11/20/2024-SPECIAL ORDERED

11/18/2024-AMENDED AND REPORTED OUT TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

BILL NO. 35-0298

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

July 15, 2024

An Act honoring and commending Daryl A. George Sr., colloquially known as “Mousy”, posthumously, for his contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands as a firefighter, first responder, mentor and as Director of the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services; renaming the Tango Company Fire Station the “Daryl A. “Mousy” George, Sr., Fire Station” in his honor; and appropriating \$10,000 from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Department of Public Works to erect the proper signage

PROPOSED BY: Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Angel L. Bolques, Jr.,
Milton E. Potter, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., and Dwayne M. DeGraff

1 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., colloquially known as “Mousy”, was born on January
2 14, 1968, on the beautiful island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to the late Alric A. George and
3 Nathena Thomas-George; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., was raised and educated on St. Thomas, and attended
5 the St. Peter and Paul Catholic School; Addelita Cancryn Junior High School; and completed
6 his high school education online with ICS Newport Pacific High School; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1980, upon the recommendation of former Senator Carlton Dowe, Daryl
8 A. George Sr., began his pre-service career through the Junior Officer Firefighter Corps; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, Daryl A. George Sr., began employment with the Virgin Islands
10 Fire Service and was named Employee of the Year his first year; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., served as the President of the International
2 Association of Firefighters Union, Local 2125 for four consecutive years;

3 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., worked his way up to serving as the Special Assistant
4 of the Virgin Islands Fire Service; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., was confirmed as the Director of Virgin Islands Fire
6 Service and became the Director of the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services
7 (“VIFEMS”) upon the merger of the Virgin Islands Emergency Medical Service with the Virgin
8 Islands Fire Service; and

9 **WHEREAS**, his decades of advocacy for the integration of the two entities was critical
10 to the passage of the legislation and formation of the VIFEMS; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., through his visionary leadership, continued initiatives
12 including establishing strategic ladder apparatus houses; modernizing the VIFEMS fleet;
13 acquiring vital marine firefighting equipment; erecting fire stations in critical locations; and
14 strengthening the Territory’s emergency response capabilities; and

15 **WHEREAS**, beyond the flames, from 1997 to 2014, Daryl A. George Sr., served as the
16 Coordinator of the Junior Firefighters Program where he nurtured future generations and
17 inspired countless youths by igniting a passion for service in young hearts, shaping them into
18 responsible citizens through summer camps, after-school initiatives, and his vision for a steel
19 pan orchestra; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., served the VIFEMS with unwavering dedication for
21 20 years, sharing his exceptional knowledge and skills to save countless lives and protect his
22 community; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Daryl A. George Sr., was the proud father of five children: Daryl George
24 Jr., D'Andre George, DeLani George, Darline George, and Te-Nae George; and

- 1 Company Fire Station the “Daryl A. “Mousy” George, Sr., Fire Station”; and appropriates
- 2 \$10,000 from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands
- 3 Department of Public Works to erect the proper signage.
- 4 **BR24-0861/June 12, 2024/GC**