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Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

April 21, 2016

A Resolution honoring and commending John W. Tranberg, Sr., on the celebration of his centennial anniversary

PROPOSED BY: Senator Terrence “Positive” Nelson

1 **WHEREAS**, John Wilhem Tranberg, Sr., was born April 17, 1916 in the Frederiksted town

2 area of St. Croix, Virgin Islands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg is the third of six children born to Regina Percival Tranberg

4 and Lauritz Tranberg; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg, affectionately known as “Johnnie,” is the father of John, Jr.,

6 Olga, Randolph and Carl; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg grew up on the family farm in Estate Mount Washington, St.

8 Croix, Virgin Islands; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg began his formal education at the Dane Grammar School on

10 Princess Street; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in school, Mr. Tranberg excelled in and enjoyed mathematics, history and
2 civics; and

3 **WHEREAS**, unlike other boys his age who preferred to play sports, Mr. Tranberg chose
4 to work as his father's assistant on the family farm, rearing cattle and other livestock; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1944, Mr. Tranberg was drafted into the United States Army during World
6 War II, where he served four and one half years as a logistic officer; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1949, Mr. Tranberg was honorably discharged and returned home to St.
8 Croix to work on the family farm with his father; and

9 **WHEREAS**, at that time, the Tranberg's family farm supplied the majority of the fresh
10 milk and produce to the people in Frederiksted; and

11 **WHEREAS**, during the mid-1950's, Mr. Tranberg also worked for Sanford and Sons and
12 Meridian Engineering; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg enjoys sharing his childhood stories with others; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2014, Mr. Tranberg was honored by the 43rd Annual Agriculture and Food
15 Fair Committee as the livestock farmer of the year; he was also recognized as the oldest living
16 farmer ever honored at the Agrifest Fair and that year also, the pavilion was named in his honor;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg's huge senepole bull, Thomas, has also been showcased at the
19 Agrifest Fair for many years; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg/Estate Nicolas Farm received 3rd place in the Senepole Male
21 Senior category in the 2016 Agrifest Livestock Competition; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tranberg is a true Crucian icon and a living link to St. Croix's history;
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