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5 May 2016 – John “Johnny” Tranberg Resolution

A most pleasant good morning to you the Honorable Senator Myron D. Jackson, Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth & Recreation, and all other committee and non-committee members of the 31st Legislature. Additional greetings to all that are physically present, listening via radio or viewing via the Legislature’s LEGIT TV. The staff of the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs and last but certainly not least, to my comrades in and out of uniform known to you as the Veterans of this beloved territory, Good Morning.

I am Patrick D. Farrell, Director of the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs. It is my distinct pleasure to be here today in full support for Bill No. 31-0355, a resolution to honor and commend Mr. John “Johnny” Tranberg on the celebration of his centennial anniversary. This resolution, in my opinion, would be a fitting event for Mr. John “Johnny” Tranberg.

John “Johnny” Tranberg was inducted into the United States Army on September 1, 1944 and received basic military training in Puerto Rico. Johnny attained the rank of Private First Class while serving in the United States Army during World War II. He served in Hawaii where his unit engaged in rigorous training preparing for the invasion of Japan saved only by the surrendering of the Japanese. While serving in the United States Army he received the following citations; the Overseas Service Bar, the American Theatre Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Medal. After his tenure Johnny was honorably discharged from the United States Army on December 21, 1945.

After leaving the military Johnny returned back home to St. Croix and has been a productive citizen of this community even up to today. For his contribution as a Soldier and citizen of this country and territory, Johnny has been deservingly recognized on several occasions. As recent as Monday April 25th 2016, which was just a little more than a week ago, Johnny was recognized, in person, by the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald, Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands Kenneth Mapp, and myself Director of the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs at the Government House in Christiansted right here on the island of St. Croix. Johnny is currently the oldest registered Veteran residing within the Virgin Islands.

I would like to thank the sponsor of this bill, the Honorable Senator Positive Nelson, for bringing forth this particular measure in such a timely manner. Again, I say “Happy Belated Birthday” to Mr. John ‘Johnny’ Tranberg and congratulations on being considered to receive such an honor.

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Mr. Chairman, at this time I am available to answer any questions that you or any member of this August body may have for the Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs in reference to Bill No. 31-0355, a resolution to honor and commend Mr. John “Johnny” Tranberg on the celebration of his centennial anniversary.

Thank You.