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**BILL NO. 35-0109**

**Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**July 18, 2023**

An Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John “Kendall Emanuel George Drive” South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff and Ray Fonseca

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1       **WHEREAS**, Kendall Emanuel George was born to Ina A. Matthias George and St.

2 Clair E. George on November 11, 1942, on the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Kendall resided on St. Thomas with his family until the age of five and

4 then relocated to St. John; and

5       **WHEREAS**, he grew up with his parents, an elder sister, and a younger brother and

6 spent the greater part of his childhood to early teen years in the Hard Labor area of Coral Bay,

7 St. John; and

8       **WHEREAS**, Kendall attended the Horace Mann Elementary School and the Benjamin

9 Franklin Elementary School, later named “Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School”; and

10       **WHEREAS**, his freshman and sophomore years were spent at the Charlotte Amalie High

11 School on St. Thomas. He relocated to New York, where he completed his junior and senior

1 years and graduated from the Manhattan Vocational Technical High School in the field of  
2 machine technology; and

3 **WHEREAS**, along with a few of his friends and family members, Kendall decided to  
4 join the United States Armed Forces; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Kendall was called to active duty in Marine Corps in August 1963 and was  
6 sent to Paris Island, South Carolina, to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot for Boot Camp training.  
7 He later went to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, for advanced training; and

8 **WHEREAS**, before being deployed, he was also stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii,  
9 where he participated in many sports; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the sports Kendall loved and excelled in included weightlifting, martial  
11 arts, softball, and wrestling, which he continued after being deployed to Okinawa Japan Marine  
12 Base; and

13 **WHEREAS**, after a brief furlough at home with family and friends, Kendall received  
14 orders to Supply Company Force Logistic Support Group 1 Battalion United States Marine  
15 Corps Vietnam, Sup Co FLSG 1 BN USMC VIETNAM, where he served in the rank of  
16 Corporal; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Kendall was killed by enemy fire in the vicinity of Chu Lai, Vietnam, on  
18 December 2, 1966; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Kendall's remains were escorted back to St. John, Virgin Islands, and laid  
20 to rest in the Emmaus Moravian Church Cemetery in Coral Bay, St. John; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Kendall is survived by his sister, Geneva I. Paris, and brother, Henry A.  
22 Powell; and

23 **WHEREAS**, approximately 1,600 Virgin Islanders served in the Vietnam War, and a  
24 documented 16 servicemen gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

1           **WHEREAS**, it is only fitting that the Legislature of the Virgin Islands commemorates  
2 the service, heroism, and ultimate sacrifice made by the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George  
3 to preserve democracy and to keep Americans and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; Now  
4 Therefore,

5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

6           **SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin  
7 Islands, honors and commends the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for  
8 his service in the Marine Corps in the Vietnam War, his heroism, and for making the ultimate  
9 sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe and  
10 names Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay on St. John, also known as the South Shore  
11 Road, “Kendall Emanuel George Drive”.

12           **SECTION 2.** The sum of \$10,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury  
13 of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, to the  
14 Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive.

15           **SECTION 3.** The President of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, or the President’s  
16 designee, shall prepare and present a perma plaque copy of this act to the family of the late  
17 Corporal Kendall Emanuel George, or the family’s designee, at an appropriate ceremony.

18                                   **BILL SUMMARY**

19           This bill honors the late Corporal Kendall Emmanuel George posthumously for his  
20 service in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve freedom and to  
21 keep his homeland safe and names Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John, in  
22 his memory. The bill also appropriates \$10,000 for road signs.

23           **BR23-0385/May 10, 2023/YLT**