

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERAN  
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**BILL NO. 35-0062**

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

**March 24, 2023**

A Resolution honoring and commending Gregory Hodge, b/k/a DJ Avalanche for his outstanding contributions as a disk jockey, radio talk show host, music producer, and entertainer and presenting to him the Official Key to the Virgin Islands

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Javan E. James, Sr. and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.,  
and Ray Fonseca  
Co-sponsor: Marvin A. Blyden

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1       **WHEREAS**, Gregory Hodge best known to many as “The Caribbeans Hottest DJ—DJ  
2       Avalanche”, is a native US Virgin Islander and is known for having a global impact with his  
3       musical talents; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Gregory Hodge, born July 12, 1979, on St. Thomas, is the son of Deadrick  
5       Hodge of Tortola and Maria Edwards of Antigua; and

6       **WHEREAS**, he developed a love for music at a very young age while attending the Lew  
7       Muckle Elementary School on the island of St. Croix; and

8       **WHEREAS**, this connection with music continued to grow through his teenage years  
9       when he first made efforts to become a disc jockey; and

10       **WHEREAS**, after graduating from the St. Joseph High School on St. Croix, he began  
11       making music a full-time job, and also created a line of unique soca, reggae, and hip-hop mixed  
12       tapes and songs; and

1           **WHEREAS**, those efforts grew from a passion to a career, and now a legacy; and

2           **WHEREAS**, DJ Avalanche became one of the most sought-after disc jockeys in the  
3 Caribbean in 2003, traveling throughout the world and earned his reputation as the  
4 “Caribbean’s Hottest DJ” when he won Heineken’s first DJ competition; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in 2005, DJ Avalanche ventured into the world of broadcasting, and hosted  
6 his own radio program “The DJ Avalanche Radio Show,” which won multiple awards  
7 including the Best of the Virgin Islands over 10 times, and the Addy Awards to name a few;  
8 and

9           **WHEREAS**, DJ Avalanche’s radio program was aired on major Caribbean stations,  
10 including 105 Jamz (WVJZ) and 103.5 The Reef (WAXJ) for over the course of the past  
11 decade; and

12           **WHEREAS**, DJ Avalanche has performed and hosted at some of the Caribbean’s biggest  
13 parties, and festivals throughout the world; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in 2018 and 2019, he participated in the world’s largest Caribbean Festival  
15 at Sea, the Uber Soca Cruise Festival where he was titled and awarded as the Festival’s best  
16 DJ for both years; and

17           **WHEREAS**, DJ Avalanche has produced several chart-topping songs and rhythms  
18 featuring some of the Caribbean’s biggest stars, such as Machel Montano, Patrice Roberts,  
19 Problem Child, Bunji Garlin, the most recent being Grenada’s 2022 Road March Title for the  
20 song “High” featuring Jab King, St. Croix’s 2023 Groovy Soca Monarch for “A List” featuring  
21 Pumpa, and Trinidad’s 2023 Road March for “Hard Fete” featuring Bunji Garlin; and

22           **WHEREAS**, he has toured with many of the top artists from the Caribbean, North  
23 America, and Europe; and

24           **WHEREAS**, DJ Avalanche has also been featured on national and Caribbean television  
25 programs including BET’s College Hill and Tempo Television’s Pull Up Selecta; and

