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Honorable Carla Joseph Senator/Legislative Secretary 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands St.Thomas, VI 00802

Subject: Testimony/Notice of Absence

Bill No. 35-0010 - Act Honoring and Commending Mr. Aloy "Wenty"

Nielsen and Naming the Christiansted Bypass in his honor.

Committee on Government Operations, Veterans and Consumer

Protection

Please accept my humble apology for not being able to attend this meeting to grace my former colleague, Aloy "Wenty" Nielsen with this honor. As the Area Director for Grant Engineering, within the past few days we were given notice to proceed on new assignments to assist Government Agencies of the Virgin Islands with Disaster Recovery efforts in the Territory and I will be traveling to St. John with staff to begin to do so.

Often times the people most recognized historically are those who have not spent even a fraction of the time or energy necessary to bring a project of this magnitude (The Christiansted Bypass), to fruition. Most times those who have toiled and spent the time are not even invited to the "Opening" or "Ribbon Cutting" ceremonies.

This is not the case here. I must commend this body for digging a little deeper in this instance. If there is one person that is worthy of this honor, it would be Aloy Nielsen. It is my honor to put my testimony on record in favor of this commemoration and to extend congratulations to Wenty and his family while he is still with us; a job well done.

Best regards in the future to you and your family Wenty.

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