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Greetings Honorable Senator Carla J. Joseph of the 35th Legislature.

My name is Barbara Dalmida-Thompson a born Native and Resident on the Island of St. John. As an indigenous native, I humbly come before you and your Prestigious Colleagues with my approval of renaming Route 107 to "Kendall E. George Highway".

Kendall E. George as a Patriot of the United States Of America and as such, enlisted into the Military to serve in whatever capacity his Country needed him. It was a sad moment in time for our family when we were served with the news of his death. Although I myself was only six (6) years at that time. It was one of the few childhood memories I still hold dear to me. I have NEVER seen my Aunt Inie cry before. So, I wanted to know what made her so sad. She explained that my cousin won't ever/never walk through these doors again because his life was taken prematurely from him. She went on to say that he was happy to know that I shared the same Earthday with him. My Aunt Ina George, affectionately known as Aunt Inie was never the same person because she was wounded in her soul by his death.

I've shared this story because my Cousin Kendall, God Rest His Soul had aspirations after he served his country to return home and serve the People of the United States Virgin Islands. This reality sadly will never be archived. By this simple act, his Country can give back to him by renaming Rote 107 to "Kendall E. George Highway" that way his sacrifice will never be forgotten by his beloved St. Johnians.

Thank you for allowing me, Barbara Dalmida-Thompson this time to come before the 35th Legislature to bear my heart and to inform you that I/we, the people of South Side St. John approve the renaming of Route 107 to our beloved brother, uncle and cousin and friend "KENDALL E. GEORGE HIGHWAY".

Respectfully,

Barbara Dalmida-Thompson

St. John Native and Resident