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Honorable Senator Carla J. Joseph
35th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands
Capitol Building
P O Box 1690
St. Thomas, USVI 00804
Ref. Bill # 35-0109

Dear Honorable Senator Carla J. Joseph,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Thank you Senator Carla J. Joseph and the entire Committee's on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs and Consumers Protection for this opportunity to testify about renaming Route 107 to Kendall E. George Drive. Although many years have passed, the memory of my beloved brother untimely passing, remains etched in my heart. My brother, affectionately known as Ken, was the kindest most respectful person, especially to his elders and the authorities. My family grew up on the Island of St. John at Estate Hard Labor located on the Southside of the Island. My two brothers, Kendall (deceased) and Henry and myself attended the Horace Mann School and then on to the Benjamin Franklin School, now currently known as Guy H. Benjamin School. Then on to Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

As time and life progressed, my brother Kendall enlisted in the Marines and achieved the rank of Corporal and fought in the Vietnam War for our Country and for our Countrymen here in the USVI.

Every year as the United States commemorate our Veterans as we thank and honor them for their service in protecting our Country, I'm reminded of my personal loss. Veterans Day in itself is huge, but it was also Ken's Earthday, the day he was born.

In closing, once again, thank you Senator Carla J. Joseph and the Committees of Government Operations, Veterans Affairs and Consumers Protection for this opportunity to Express my memories and to state/Testify that I approve and encourage renaming of Route 107 to Kendall E. George Drive in my Brother's honor and memory for his ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

Sincerely,

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Native and Resident of St. John