

Good morning,

Honorary Senators, Chair, Vice-Chair, committee members and audience.

My name is Maricela Santos, Dj Poppy Pops wife. Unfortunately, Due to unforeseen circumstances, I am unable to attend this important milestone in my husband career. However, It is an honor to express myself regarding his tenure in the music industry; Today I can attribute many things to my husband Dj Pops, but I'll only attribute one word LEGEND; see, when we look up the word legend; it means an extremely famous and notorious person; now out of that meaning I'll emphasize on the word notorious, that's exactly what's happening here this morning, my husband Dj Pops was recognized by someone, and that person carried that message to his office and him and his staff made it possible for this day to happen, to honor my husband to recognize his passion and love for the music; That individual is no one other than Senator Bolques and his staff.

Today I am thankful beyond measure. My husband has been spinning his music over 35 plus years, and although I was not in his life then, I can only be grateful for the years that the Lord had given us to be together and showering us with the blessing of bringing to this world our son Dante, who also adopted his fathers music habit; Lord send help!!! (Laughing) during those years I've experienced the passion that my husband has for music .

Dj pops has been known Locally and abroad, to be one of the best Dj's out there. One thing I admire of him, is that he always look out for his local artist, don't get me wrong, pops loves his people and he's always willing to help the novice artist, but when it comes to local, he extend his arms to help them get noticed, this shows me gratitude and outpouring love that he has for the people of the Virgin Islands when it comes to excelling in the music career. He always says "you have to recognize your own" Pops don't miss a beat or a rhythm . His head instantly starts bopping to the melodies; He always setting his laptop with music, when I don't hear music I get concern, and go see what's happening, to find out that in those quiet times where there seems no music playing, my husband has his laptop and his muffs over his ears moving his head to the beat of the music. Pops sees no boundaries!!

Despite his medical condition, he opened his Dj school, and at first I thought he was crazy, see our mind makes boundaries for us, I use to ask how he's gonna go teach, knowing his condition, suppose something happens and we are not there to help. but that didn't stop him, he jumped the hurdle and went to teach what he likes! paving the way for others to pick up and continue his legacy. As he continues his path I can only pray to the most high to continuously protect

my husband and shower him with his blessing. Hunny Your wife loves you beyond words can describe!! May everyone here today be blessed and thank you for acknowledging my husband. My Love for all.

Maricela Santos