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The Virgin Islands Association for Independent Living, Inc. (VIAIL) has known Mr. Sal Sanpere for 25 years and we are extremely happy to learn that he will be recognized in ST. Croix. Without a doubt, Mr. Sanpere deserves to have the area of the Annual Boat Parade on St. Croix be named in his honor. He is one of the founding members of the Center for Independent Living on the island of St. Croix.

Mr. Sanpere is an individual who is blind and is fully interested in the annual Boat Parade. For many years he has made it possible for individuals with low or no vision to join with others and enjoy the Boat Parade and thankfully he has been successful. Over the years many individuals with vision loss joined with sighted family or friends to hear what is going on at the Boat Parade. Those individuals now look forward to attending the event and are thankful to be there annually based on the driving force they have acquired, as a result of Sal Sanpere.

Mr. Sanpere's outreach has not been limited to St. Croix. His visits to St. Thomas's Center have also been very meaningful. On St. Thomas Mr. Sanpere is also known as an individual who keeps his word and follows up as needed to ensure that consumers with low vision or no vision will strive to be as independent as possible.

In summary, the staff, consumers and many well-wishers will be extremely happy to have the area of the Boat Parade on St. Croix be named in honor of non-other than

Mr. Sal Sanpere.

Best Wishes from us all!