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Salvador Sanpere was born in the exotic city of Barcelona, Spain. His family migrated to Venezuela and eventually to the US Virgin islands in 1966. Sal's father was the owner and manager of the Virgin Islands Toyota Dearership and Budget Rent A Car. His family relocated to Puerto Rico providing Sal with an opportunity to develop his entrepreneurial skills as he ran both businesses on St. Croix and St. Thomas until they were sold in 1973. In 1973 Sal established Olympic Rent-A-Car and today it is the oldest running business on St. Croix with the same owner as it approaches its 52nd year.

Throughout Sal's many years of being intricately involved in entrepreneurial activities he has developed and maintained a profound philanthropic spirit evidenced in his involvement with numerous nonprofits on St. Croix. Mr. Sanpere as an active member of the St. Croix Marksman Association was able to oversee the building of two gun-ranges. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of America Sal raised sufficient money and services to build all the additional existing structures on the grounds except for the original one. Sal has been a member of the Association for independent living for the past 25 years providing significant contributions through his fundraising efforts. Having Rotarian membership for more than forty five years and a seven time Paul Harris Fellow Sal continues to attend weekly 7:00am meetings of his club. His is a fifty-year member of the VI Hotel and Tourism Association

Sal Sanpere started the Christiansted Christmas boat parade 26 years ago and today it attracts over four thousand people to downtown Christiansted to experience a genuine expression of Crucian holiday culture.

In my estimation, Salvador Sanpere is the most successful and prolific fund raiser on the island of St. Croix. His passion and dedication to business, service and philanthropy is clearly elevated to be seen and experienced throughout our community. I am proud to be associated with Sal and honored to call him my friend. His philosophy is "To live a long life you have to be happy and to be happy you have to help people".

I recommend and support without reservation Bill 35-0410 honor and commending Mr. Salavador Sal Sanpere for his dedication and contributions to St. Croix. philos protitics

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