

***\*\*CHARLES E. NIBBS' TESTIMONY - Regarding Bill No. 36-0150: An act honoring and commending Thelma Leona Petersen-Springer, posthumously, for her outstanding community service to children and the people of the Virgin Islands. Proposed by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens***

***\*\*\*\*\*MY TESTIMONY\*\*\*\*\****

***I, Charles E. Nibbs, also known as Chaz "Hollywood" Nibbs, Co-Founder of Luvkids Television and Radio Productions, Inc., appear, by invitation, before the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Veteran Affairs, and Consumer Protection to give testimony in support of an act honoring and commending Thelma Leona Petersen-Springer, posthumously, regarding the God-Given Gift of caring for children, and having turned her home into a safe, productive, and educational place for children learn about their musical and performing talents they possessed, and at the same time, instilled discipline in their actions with her eyes and vocal commands.***

***Miss Springer, affectionately called Mama by the children she mentored, had the opportunity at Miss. Springer expense, to join her founding majorette group and band, and perform at Crucian Christmas Festival Parades and other events. No girl or boy was left behind because their parents couldn't afford to pay for their majorette outfits, including baton, shoes, and band instruments.***

***When the children left Miss Springer's home, their bellies were full, as she loved to cook and feed her garden of children.***

***Approximately 7 years before she transitioned to her heavenly home, in the presence of others, Miss. Springer made it known that when she died, she requested that Police Officer Charles E. Nibbs deliver her Eulogy by using (2) Two Microphones to the laughter of those present, including my lovely wife, Mrs. Anita M. Osborne-Nibbs, and me. Her request was fulfilled with honor.***

***In conclusion, a person like Miss Springer is rare, and her legacy must be preserved. That's why, in delivering her Eulogy, I proposed to have the road that runs in front of her residence named in her honor, and I approached The Honorable Senator Kenneth "Kenny" Gittens, who made my thought a reality by his proposal, and I thank him, on behalf of Miss Springer's Garden of Children.***

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**\*THELMA LEONA PETERSEN SPRINGER EULOGY PRE-NOTES' POINTERS**

**AT INA VIOLA JOHANNES' FUNERAL REPASS, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015, MISS SPRINGER STATED: "WHEN I DIE, I WANT POLICE OFFICER CHARLES NIBBS TO READ MY EULOGY. I WANT OFFICER NIBBS TO USE (2) TWO MICROPHONES." WHICH BROUGHT LAUGHTER AMONG ALL IN ATTENDANCE.**

**IN FACT, I DELIVERED THE EULOGIES AT INA & LEROY JOHANNES' FUNERAL, 2004 AND 2015, AS SELECTED BY THE JOHANNES FAMILY.**

**\*SPRINGER HONORED: WE, LUVKIDS RADIO & TELEVISION FOUNDERS' MY LOVELY WIFE, MRS. ANITA M. NIBBS AND LUVKIDS' FAMILIES WE SERVED; A PLAQUE-PRESENTATION HONORED MISS SPRINGER, OVER (2) DECADES AGO, AT A SURPRISED EVENT AT BOTANICAL GARDENS, WHICH MADE NEWS HEADLINES ON THE THEN CHANNEL 8 NEWS AND THE THEN ST. CROIX CABLE TV CHANNEL 13, MANAGED BY MR. JAMES "JIMMY" ROGERS.**

**\*SPRINGER SHED TEARS OF JOY: MISS SPRINGER SHED "TEARS OF JOY" (SEE ATTACHED PHOTO) AND STATED: "NO ONE EVER HONORED ME. OFFICER NIBBS AND WIFE ANITA NIBBS, THANK YOU!! I'M SO SHOCK I HAVE TO CRY..." WE'LL, MISS SPRINGER, OVER THE YEARS, DISPLAYED HER LUVKIDS' BEAUTIFUL PLAQUE, ATOP HER LIVING ROOM'S TELEVISION SET.**

**\*OUR NEXT LUVKIDS' SURPRISE: DUE TO HURRICANES & SET BACKS, OUR NEXT SURPRISE FOR MISS SPRINGER WAS TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE INTERVENTION OF HAVING THE BLOCK OF ROADWAY THAT RUNS IN FRONT OF HER HOME AS AN HONOR TO HER LEGACY; HOWEVER, SINCE SHE'S DECEASED, THAT DREAM WILL NAME THE ROAD, A V.I. GOVERNMENT ROAD, "THE THELMA LEONA SPRINGER MEMORIAL DRIVE," AS PROPOSED BY HONORABLE SENATOR KENNETH GITTENS.**

**\*I LOST MY MOTHER, TOO, AND I'M STILL IN GRIEF:** ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017, I LOST MY BELOVED MOTHER. AS A FAMILY OF 9 SIBLINGS (I'M THE BABY OF THE FAMILY), I CAN RELATE TO THE PAIN THE SPRINGERS' FAMILY FEELS LOSING HER. WE CELEBRATED MOTHER'S DAY THIS PAST SUNDAY WITHOUT OUR MOTHERS, AND THAT DOESN'T HELP THE PAINS OF US MOTHERLESS FOLKS. WE'VE GOT TO LET GO AND LET ALMIGHTY GOD HEAL OUR PAINS.

I KNOW MISS. SPRINGER WOULD'VE LIKED ME TO USE (2) TWO MICROPHONES TO DELIVER HER EULOGY, AND I FULFILLED HER WISH.

**\*MASTER OF CEREMONIES WISH FULFILLED:** I WAS SELECTED BY MISS. THELMA LEONA PETERSEN SPRINGER TO BE THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT HER APRIL 16, 2011, BIRTHDAY BASH AY BOTANCAL GARDENS. BELIEVE ME, SHE'S A BALL!! (SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS)

NOW, I'M HONORED TO HAVE FULFILLED THE WISH OF BEING THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT HER 2011 BIRTHDAY BASH, AND DELIVERED THE EULOGY I WAS DIRECTED TO DO, IN THE YEAR 2015, BY MISS THELMA PETERSEN-SRINGER ALSO KNOWN AS "MAMA."

\*\*\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*











