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Good afternoon, Honorable Senator Avey L. Lewis, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, Consumer Protection. Good afternoon to members of the Committee, to everyone present here today including those who may be listening to or viewing today's session.

My name is Norman Williams Jr, and I am here today in support of Bill No. 36-0218. An act honoring and commending my cousin Jerome Browne for his outstanding achievements and contributions to baseball and the youth of St. Croix, by renaming Prince Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, Jerry Browne Street.

I was honored when Jerome, better known as Jerry, asked me to testify in support of this Bill. Then I started to think of his many accomplishments and in Major League Baseball which I would highlight. However, after seeing the proposed bill, I quickly realized there was no need to mention his achievements as the Bill highlights many if not all his achievements.

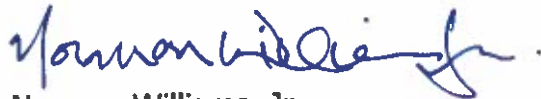
Therefore, I will tell you a little bit about this very humble individual. While Prince Street was his place of residence, he did not only grow up on this street. He grew up on every ballpark you could think of on St. Croix. From the D.C. Canegata Ball Park, also known as Parade Ground, in Christiansted, to the Terrance Martin Ball Park in Frederiksted. Beginning at the age of 9, his after-school activities never changed. Tuesdays and Thursdays, baseball practice at Canegata Ball Park and Saturdays and Sundays were official league games. Some of you may be saying well, that's not every day of the week. But Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays were game time at an unofficial ballpark located on Prince Street. That park was simply called Yard.

It was at this very early part of Jerry's life that many of us around him knew he had a special talent. He was quiet and humble as he remains today, but once he gets onto a ball field, you see a major transformation from a quiet, humble man to a very confident, (you ain't better than me), individual. Respectful, but again you ain't better than me.

Baseball was Jerry's life. So much so that after his successful career in Major League Baseball, you can find him involved in coaching, training and/or providing instructions to the youths not only on St. Croix but throughout the territory, including the BVI.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony in support of Jerome, Jerry Browne.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norman Williams, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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