

To Honorable Senator Avery Lewis, Chairman of the Committee on Government Operation, Veterans Affair, and Consumer Protection.

To the Honorable Members of the 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

Re: Testimonial in Honor of Mr. Hans Lawaetz

My name is Dennis Brow and I am overwhelmingly honored to give testimony in support of Bill No. 36-0281: An act honoring and commending Hans Lawaetz for his lifetime of exemplary service to the Virgin Islands and awarding him the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor Proposed by Senator Novelle Francis, Jr.

It is with great respect and sincere appreciation that I submit this testimonial in honor of **Mr. Hans Lawaetz**, a longtime friend, community leader, businessman, and dedicated supporter of the people and youth of the United States Virgin Islands.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Lawaetz for many years, and throughout that time, I have witnessed firsthand his extraordinary commitment to our community. In his leadership role with the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee, he has been a steadfast supporter of sports throughout the Territory. As President of the Virgin Islands Baseball Federation, I can personally attest to the tremendous support, guidance, and encouragement he has provided to baseball and to me as a sports administrator.

Mr. Lawaetz has been a shining light and mentor to me, guiding me through many of the processes and responsibilities associated with developing our athletes and strengthening our sports programs. His willingness to share his knowledge, experience, and advice has been invaluable. More importantly, his support has never been limited to one sport or one individual. He has consistently worked to create opportunities for athletes and organizations throughout the Virgin Islands.

His contributions extend far beyond athletics. Through his business endeavors, sponsorship of youth activities, community involvement, consultation, and personal generosity, Mr. Lawaetz has helped countless individuals and organizations. He has demonstrated a genuine commitment to the development and advancement of the Virgin Islands and has remained loyal to the community he has helped build and serve.

Hans is the kind of individual who understands that true leadership is not measured only by personal accomplishments, but by the opportunities we create for others. His years of service, mentorship, generosity, and commitment have positively affected generations of Virgin Islanders.

I am therefore honored to join in recognizing **Mr. Hans Lawaetz** for his outstanding contributions to sports, youth development, business, and the greater Virgin Islands community. His service and dedication are deserving of recognition, and I sincerely thank the Legislature of the Virgin Islands for providing an opportunity to honor an individual who has given so much to our Territory.

With the highest respect and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Brow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis Brow

President

Virgin Islands Baseball Federation