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A resolution honoring and commending Mrs. Janet Brow Phillips for her outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the fields of education and culinary arts to the Virgin Islands community

PROPOSED BY: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
Sponsors: Avery L. Lewis, Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.,
Angel L. Bolques, Jr. and Carla J. Joseph
Co-sponsor: Hubert L. Frederick

1 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Janet Elise Brow Phillips was born on the island of St. Croix on July
2 26, 1961, at the Ingerberg Nesbitt Clinic in Frederiksted, St. Croix to Lucita (deceased) and
3 Theodore “Teddy” Brow of Estate Grove Place, St. Croix;

4 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Brow Phillips is the eldest of three children, including her brothers
5 Dennis and Steve Brow, and was raised in the vibrant Grove Place community where she
6 developed a strong sense of cultural pride and community service;

7 **WHEREAS**, she received her early education in the Virgin Islands public school system
8 and graduated from St. Croix Central High School in 1979, and thereafter earned a Bachelor
9 of Science in Elementary Education from Cheyney State College in Pennsylvania in 1983;

10 **WHEREAS**, upon returning to St. Croix, Mrs. Brow Phillips began her distinguished
11 career with the Virgin Islands Department of Education in 1984 as a classroom teacher,
12 inspiring and nurturing generations of students with her dedication to learning, discipline, and
13 compassion;

1 **WHEREAS**, while serving in the Department of Education, Mrs. Brow Phillips
2 continued to pursue higher education and obtained a Master of Science in Management and
3 Administration of Educational Programs from Nova Southeastern University in 2006;

4 **WHEREAS**, during her tenure, she served as the Director of School and Community
5 Relations, where she is credited for launching the first Parent University Program in the Virgin
6 Islands, an initiative designed to strengthen family engagement, empower parents, and enhance
7 student success;

8 **WHEREAS**, beyond her educational contributions, Mrs. Brow Phillips is celebrated as
9 one of St. Croix's foremost culinary artisans, having inherited and refined her cooking skills
10 under the guidance of her mother Lucita Brow and aunt Dolores Miller;

11 **WHEREAS**, her culinary excellence and passion for traditional crucian cuisine have
12 made her a fixture in the island's cultural landscape, participating in the St. Croix Festival
13 Village for more than 15 years and in the St. Croix Agricultural and Food Fair (Agrifest) for
14 over a decade;

15 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Brow Phillips has, and continues to play an active role in the David
16 Hamilton Jackson Day celebrations in Grove Place for approximately 30 years, preserving and
17 promoting the legacy of one of the Virgin Islands' great leaders;

18 **WHEREAS**, renowned for her culinary mastery, she is best known for dishes such as
19 crab and rice (with and without pork), boiled fish and okra fungi, stewed and buttered conch,
20 fried salmon balls, roast goat and pork, kalaloo (with pork and/or seafood), pigeon peas rice,
21 crucian potato stuffing, and red peas soup, each prepared with care, authenticity, and love;

22 **WHEREAS**, her commitment to cultural preservation and culinary excellence has
23 earned her multiple recognitions as Grand Champion at the Virgin Islands Agriculture and
24 Food Fair, and she continues to be a highly sought-after caterer for both public and private
25 events, including those hosted by Virgin Islands Governors;

