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A resolution honoring and commending Sharon Maria Williams for her outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the fields of education and culinary arts

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**, Sharon Maria Williams was born and raised on St. Croix;

2 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Williams was raised alongside her siblings, Glenis Williams, Lindel
3 Williams, Wayne Williams, Patrice Williams, Brian Williams (who passed shortly after birth),
4 and Raymond Williams, whose shared family foundation and values helped shape her lifelong
5 dedication to education, service, and the Virgin Islands community;

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Williams went to elementary school at the St. Patrick's Catholic
7 School and then graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic High School;

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1978, Ms. Williams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home
9 Economics Education from Cheyney College in Pennsylvania and, in 2006, she earned a Master
10 of Science in Management and Administration of Educational Programs from the University
11 of Phoenix;

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1978, Ms. Williams began her teaching career with the Virgin Islands
13 Department of Education as a Home Economics teacher at Arthur A. Richards Junior High
14 School where she served until 1985;

1 **WHEREAS**, from 1985 to 1988, Ms. Williams also served as an Extension Agent with
2 University of the Virgin Islands Extension Services;

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, Ms. Williams continued her career with the Virgin Islands
4 Department of Education as a Home Economics teacher at the St. Croix Central High School,
5 where she served until 2007 and was later appointed Department Chair prior to her retirement;

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Williams has received many awards to include:

- 7 ○ Grand Champion Cook at St. Croix Agriculture & Food Fair 2003, 2004, and
8 2005
- 9 ○ Lew Muckle Elementary School Teacher of the Year- 2004 and 2005
- 10 ○ VIP member of Cambridge Who's Who – 2010
- 11 ○ New Horizon Women's Democratic Club Influential Women of the Virgin
12 Islands Award – 2011
- 13 ○ Power M.O.V.E Conference Advocate for Parenting Award – 2013
- 14 ○ Caterer for the 175th Year Emancipation Celebration;

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Williams is a member of the St. Croix Alumnae Chapter of Delta
16 Sigma Theta Sorority and a member of the Grove Place Action Committee;

17 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Williams has always loved the culinary arts, and at the age of seven,
18 she received a cookbook from her mother, Inez Byron Williams, which became the inspiration
19 for her love for food preparation;

20 **WHEREAS**, always passionate both on nutrition and taste, Ms. Williams' talent caused
21 her to start her catering business, Chef Sherri Catering;

22 **WHEREAS**, Chef Sherri Catering has prepared thousands of meals for weddings,
23 birthday parties, and anniversaries;

24 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Williams also volunteers her time preparing meals for the Department
25 of Human Services at the Richmond Senior Center;

