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A resolution honoring and commending Kevre Hendricks for his outstanding contributions to music, education, military service, and cultural preservation in the Virgin Islands

PROPOSED BY:	Senator Kurt A. Vialet Sponsors: Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., and Avery L. Lewis Co-sponsors: Ray Fonseca and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

WHEREAS, Kevré Hendricks is widely regarded as one of the most influential musicians, educators, and cultural ambassadors to emerge from the island of St. Croix;

WHEREAS, he is known throughout the territory as "Maestro" and for his lifelong dedication to music, education, community service, and mentorship;

WHEREAS, through his work as a performer, band director, music producer, and military leader, he has shaped generations of young musicians while contributing significantly to the preservation and advancement of Virgin Islands culture;

WHEREAS, Kevré Hendricks was born and raised on St. Croix to Winona Hendricks, a respected educator, and Lawrence Hendricks, a Vietnam veteran and musician;

WHEREAS, his parents instilled in him the values of discipline, service, and hard work from an early age;

WHEREAS, he is a proud product of the Virgin Islands public school system, having

attended Lew Muckle Elementary School, where he graduated as valedictorian, then to Elena L. Christian Junior High School, and finally St. Croix Educational Complex, where he was enrolled in the Math and Science Magnet Program and graduated in 1998;

WHEREAS, he began his musical journey at the age of thirteen, demonstrating exceptional talent and dedication that would shape his life's work;

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from the University of the Virgin Islands in 2004, and later a Master of Music in Music Education from Ohio University in 2022, graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average;

WHEREAS, as an accomplished musician, Kevré Hendricks has earned twelve Road March titles, including ten with Fusion Band and two with Black Empire establishing himself as a leading figure in Virgin Islands festival music;

WHEREAS, as the founder of Maestro Productions, he has contributed to the Caribbean music industry as a producer and arranger, collaborating with internationally recognized artists and helping to advance the sound of Virgin Islands music;

WHEREAS, he has devoted more than two decades to music education in the Virgin Islands public school system, beginning at Arthur A. Richards Junior High School and later serving as Director of Bands at St. Croix Educational Complex, where he built one of the territory's most respected music programs;

WHEREAS, his commitment to education and mentorship has inspired countless students, many of whom have gone on to become musicians, educators, and community leaders;

WHEREAS, his excellence in education has been recognized through honors including Teacher of the Year at St. Croix Educational Complex in 2011;

WHEREAS, his dedication to cultural preservation and community service has been recognized through numerous awards, including the Dr. Stanley Jacobs Award in 2021, the

Community Service Award in 2025, and his designation as the 2026 St. Croix District Outstanding Education Honoree;

WHEREAS, his contributions have been recognized nationally by Delegate Stacey F. Plaskett during the 118th Congress of the United States;

WHEREAS, he was named the Crucian Christmas Festival Village honoree, with the village titled "Maestro's Musical Haven," and used that platform to raise more than $10,000 to support music programs in St. Croix schools;

WHEREAS, Kevré Hendricks has served with distinction for more than twenty-seven years in the Virgin Islands National Guard, attaining the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3 and serving as Commander of the 73rd Army Band, and has supported disaster response efforts including Hurricanes Irma and Maria and the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, he remains committed to uplifting his community and inspiring future generations, including returning to Lew Muckle Elementary School as a keynote speaker; and

WHEREAS, Kevré Hendricks is a devoted husband to his wife Marisha and a proud father to his children, Kevré, Jr. and Kylen; Now, Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin hereby honors and commends Kevré Hendricks for his exceptional contributions to music, education, military service, cultural preservation in the Virgin Islands, his unwavering commitment to mentorship, leadership, and community service, and the lasting impact of his work on generations of Virgin Islanders; and

SECTION 2. In recognition and appreciation of his contributions, the President of the Legislature, or the President's designee, shall present perma plaque copy of this resolution to Kevré Hendricks at an appropriate ceremony.

BILL SUMMARY

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