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**BILL NO. 35-0253**

**Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**April 10, 2024**

An Act honoring and commending police officers for the service they provide to the community and to recognize fallen law enforcement officers posthumously

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Diane T. Capehart, Kenneth L. Gittens  
Dwayne M. DeGraff and Alma Francis Heyliger

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1 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers across the Virgin Islands serve with valor, dignity,  
2 and integrity;

3 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers of the Virgin Islands in the pursuit of preserving  
4 safe and secure communities must have the equipment, training, and resources necessary to  
5 protect the health and safety of themselves and the residents of the Virgin Islands;

6 **WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor requires that officers to never betray  
7 their integrity, character or the public trust; to always have the courage to hold themselves and  
8 others accountable; and to maintain the highest ethical standards;

9 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers are to uphold the values of the community and  
10 agency that they serve through the performance of their duties, even though they may become  
11 targets for senseless acts of violence;

12 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers are charged with pursuing justice for all  
13 individuals and property, and performing the duties of a law enforcement officer with fidelity  
14 to the laws of the Virgin Islands, and the Constitution of the United States;

1           **WHEREAS**, the law enforcement officers of the Virgin Islands endure and experience  
2 the worst of human behavior; yet, they continue to serve selflessly;

3           **WHEREAS**, the law enforcement officers of the Virgin Islands continue to respond to  
4 calls to service with zeal and concision;

5           **WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers are residents of our community who are our  
6 friends, neighbors, family members, and human beings sworn to protect and serve;

7           **WHEREAS**, Police Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr., Police Officer Colvin Terrance  
8 Georges, Sr., Police Officer Aaron Hodge, Police Officer Akeem Basil “Teddy” Newton, Police  
9 Officer Ariel Anton Frett, Police Officer Cuthbert Ezekiel Chapman, Police Officer Steven  
10 Alexis Hodge, Police Officer Dexter L. Mardenborough, Police Officer Richard Nicolas  
11 Callwood, Patrolman Wilbur Horatio Francis, Patrolman Patrick Emmanuel Sweeney,  
12 Patrolman Allan Williams, Patrolman Rudel Albert Parrott, Patrolman Leroy Alvaro Swan,  
13 Patrolman Leopold Emanuel Fredericks, Jr., Superior Court Marshal Randy Arnaldo Stephens,  
14 and Patrolman Lionel Emanuel Isaac deserve recognition for their acts of ultimate sacrifice and  
15 heroism; Now, Therefore,

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

17           **SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin  
18 Islands, hereby honors, commends, and thanks posthumously Police Detective Delberth Phipps,  
19 Jr., Police Officer Colvin Terrance Georges, Police Officer Aaron Hodge, Sr., Police Officer  
20 Akeem Basil “Teddy” Newton, Police Officer Ariel Anton Frett, Police Officer Cuthbert  
21 Ezekiel Chapman, Police Officer Steven Alexis Hodge, Police Officer Dexter L.  
22 Mardenborough, Police Officer Richard Nicolas Callwood, Patrolman Wilbur Horatio Francis,  
23 Patrolman Patrick Emmanuel Sweeney, Patrolman Allan Williams, Patrolman Rudel Albert  
24 Parrott, Patrolman Leroy Alvaro Swan, Patrolman Leopold Emanuel Fredericks, Jr., Superior  
25 Court Marshal Randy Arnaldo Stephens and Patrolman Lionel Emanuel Isaac posthumously for  
26 their heroic actions, dedication, and service to the Virgin Islands.

