### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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# BILL NO. 35-0298

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

## July 15, 2024

An Act honoring and commending Daryl A. George Sr., colloquially known as "Mousy", posthumously, for his contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands as a firefighter, first responder, mentor and as Director of the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Services; renaming the Tango Company Fire Station the "Daryl A. "Mousy" George, Sr., Fire Station" in his honor; and appropriating \$10,000 from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Department of Public Works to erect the proper signage

**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

1	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., colloquially known as "Mousy", was born on January
2	14, 1968, on the beautiful island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to the late Alric A. George and
3	Nathena Thomas-George; and
4	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., was raised and educated on St. Thomas, and attended
5	the St. Peter and Paul Catholic School; Addelita Cancryn Junior High School; and completed
6	his high school education online with ICS Newport Pacific High School; and
7	WHEREAS, in 1980, upon the recommendation of former Senator Carlton Dowe, Daryl
8	A. George Sr., began his pre-service career through the Junior Officer Firefighter Corps; and
9	WHEREAS, in 1995, Daryl A. George Sr., began employment with the Virgin Islands
10	Fire Service and was named Employee of the Year his first year; and

1	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., served as the President of the International
2	Association of Firefighters Union, Local 2125 for four consecutive years;
3	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., worked his way up to serving as the Special Assistant
4	of the Virgin Islands Fire Service; and
5	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., was confirmed as the Director of Virgin Islands Fire
6	Service and became the Director of the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services
7	("VIFEMS") upon the merger of the Virgin Islands Emergency Medical Service with the Virgin
8	Islands Fire Service; and
9	WHEREAS, his decades of advocacy for the integration of the two entities was critical
10	to the passage of the legislation and formation of the VIFEMS; and
11	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., through his visionary leadership, continued initiatives
12	including establishing strategic ladder apparatus houses; modernizing the VIFEMS fleet;
13	acquiring vital marine firefighting equipment; erecting fire stations in critical locations; and
14	strengthening the Territory's emergency response capabilities; and
15	WHEREAS, beyond the flames, from 1997 to 2014, Daryl A. George Sr., served as the
16	Coordinator of the Junior Firefighters Program where he nurtured future generations and
17	inspired countless youths by igniting a passion for service in young hearts, shaping them into
18	responsible citizens through summer camps, after-school initiatives, and his vision for a steel
19	pan orchestra; and
20	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., served the VIFEMS with unwavering dedication for
21	20 years, sharing his exceptional knowledge and skills to save countless lives and protect his
22	community; and
23	WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., was the proud father of five children: Daryl George
24	Jr., D'Andre George, DeLani George, Darline George, and Te-Nae George; and

WHEREAS, on Oct. 24, 2023, Daryl A. George Sr., passed away following a sudden illness; and

# WHEREAS, Daryl A. George Sr., leaves behind a legacy of perseverance and determination that will continue to inspire the Virgin Islands community for generations to come; Now, Therefore,

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

**SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin 7 Islands, honors and commends Daryl "Mousy" A. George Sr., posthumously, for his many 8 years of extensive contributions to the Virgin Islands community, through his roles as a 9 firefighter, first responder, mentor and as Director of the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency 10 Services. In recognition and appreciation of his contributions to the Virgin Islands community, 11 the President of the Legislature, or the President's designee, shall present a perma plaque copy 12 of this Act to the family of the late Daryl "Mousy" A. George Sr., at an appropriate ceremony. 13 SECTION 2. Tango Company Fire Station located at #8-1 Fortuna, St. Thomas, V.I. is 14 re-named the "Daryl A. "Mousy" George, Sr., Fire Station". The name "Daryl A. "Mousy" 15 George, Sr., Fire Station" must be retained for any future relocations of the fire station. 16 **SECTION 3.** (a) Notwithstanding the use restrictions in 31 V.I.C. § 202(b), the sum of 17 \$10,000 is appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Business and 18 Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, to 19 erect the proper signage designating the "Daryl A. "Mousy" George, Sr., Fire Station" as 20 provided in section 2. 21

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(b) The funds appropriated in subsection (a) remain available until expended.

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### BILL SUMMARY

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many years of service and contributions to the Virgin Islands community; renames the Tango

- 1 Company Fire Station the "Daryl A. "Mousy" George, Sr., Fire Station"; and appropriates
- 2 \$10,000 from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands
- 3 Department of Public Works to erect the proper signage.
- 4 BR24-0861/June 12, 2024/GC