

ACT NO. 8202

BILL NO. 33-0082

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An Act honoring and commending Robert O'Connor, Jr. for his commitment to the people of the Virgin Islands through his service as a Senator, his membership on the Port Authority Board and his work as a community leader, by naming the new Port Authority maintenance building in his honor

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WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor, Jr. was born on March 24, 1946, to Robert O'Connor, Sr. and Alice O'Connor, on St. John, Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor's siblings are Naomi Varlack and Edna Freeman;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor's children are Robert O'Connor III (deceased), Jerell O'Connor, Frenchesca O'Connor, Rochelle O'Connor (deceased), and Franchellis O'Connor, and one grandson, Robert O'Connor, IV;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor attended Julius E. Sprauve Elementary School on St. John, Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor attended and graduated from the Charlotte Amalie High School on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor continued his studies at Hampton Institute in Virginia and Lincoln Technical Institute in New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor served as Director of Equipment Maintenance for the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works until 1971;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor served as a Senator in the 17th and 18th Legislature of the Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, during the 17th Legislature, Robert O'Connor served as Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Government Operations and the

Judiciary, and was a member of the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Public Works;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor served on the Virgin Islands Port Authority Board for 24 years, from June 27, 1991, to February 13, 2015;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor served as Chairman of the Virgin Islands Port Authority Board for five terms;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor is an entrepreneur and business owner;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor owns O'Connor Car Rental, which was one of the first car rental businesses on St. John, Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor is an active community member and leader;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor is a member of the Virgin Islands Commission on Judicial Disabilities, the Chamber of Commerce, the Virgin Islands Girl Scout Board, and the Captain's Association;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor is a charter member of the St. John Lion's Club and Vice-Commander of the St. John Coast Guard Auxiliary;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor is an avid sports enthusiast, an active member of the Forty Plus Baseball Team and the President of the Ambassadors Travel Club;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor is well known throughout the United States Virgin Islands as a civic leader, successful businessman, public servant, community supporter, philanthropist, father, uncle and friend;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor's reputation for caring, honesty and integrity precedes him;

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor was recently honored at the 2017 St. John Festival and recognized for his many contributions to both the people and the island of St. John by having the festival village named O'Connorville; and

WHEREAS, Robert O'Connor shares a family legacy of commitment to the community as evidenced by the fact that the fire station in Cruz Bay, St. John is named after his father, Fire Chief Robert O'Connor, Sr.; Now, Therefore,

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 U. S. Virgin Islands, honors and commends Robert O'Connor, Jr. for his outstanding contributions as a true public servant, including his 24 years serving on the Virgin Islands Port Authority Board.

SECTION 2. In recognition of his many contributions to the islands, the Virgin Islands Port Authority's newly renovated maintenance building on the island of St. Thomas shall be named the Robert O'Connor, Jr. Maintenance Building, and the Port Authority shall erect appropriate signage for said designation.

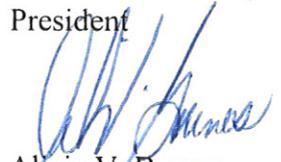
SECTION 3. The President of the Legislature, or the President's designee shall present a perma plaque copy of this Resolution to Robert O'Connor, Jr. at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on September 16, 2019.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 25th day of September, A.D., 2019.




Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President


Alicia V. Barnes
Legislative Secretary



Bill No. 33-0082 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, this 6th day of October, 2019 A.D.


Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor