

# ACT NO. 6897

BILL NO. 26-0328

## TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

### Regular Session

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An Act honoring and commending Urman Victor Fredericks posthumously for his many years of dedicated service to the people of the Virgin Islands and naming the Marine Red Bank Terminal "The Urman Fredericks Marine Terminal" in his honor.

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**WHEREAS**, Urman Victor Fredericks was born on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on February 27, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, Urman Victor Fredericks, at an early age became an active member of the New Herrnhut Moravian Church and later attended James Madison Elementary School subsequently known as Edith Williams Elementary School and now known as the Edith Williams Alternative Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young man, Urman Victor Fredericks worked alongside his father raising cows, goats, chickens, pigs and other animals, later combining the husbandry with charcoal production and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, Urman Victor Fredericks pursued various apprenticeships with master tradesmen, including electricity, plumbing, carpentry and mechanics, finally specializing in gasoline and diesel engines as well as later utilizing his skills to repair cars, trucks, and heavy equipment on St. Thomas, St. John, Tortola and Jost Van Dyke; and

**WHEREAS**, Urman Victor Fredericks married the late Ida Chinnery-Fredericks with whom he had a total of twelve children; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1940's Urman Fredericks, with a growing interest in the marine industry, took up residency on St. John, obtained his captain's license and began his employment with two of his friends, Loredon Boynes and Humphrey Herman; and

**WHEREAS**, Urman Victor Fredericks in the 1970s took up employment as captain/mechanic with Caneel Bay Resorts until he started a barge and trucking corporation with Johnny Smith operating the barge between the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, as early as 1966, Urman Victor Fredericks envisioned a need to develop the Red Hook area into a cargo port for the operation of barges and as a passenger terminal, and for these purposes used his heavy equipment to clear land in Red Hook with the assistance of employees and family members; and

**WHEREAS**, the endeavor to create a Red Hook marine terminal began by Urman Victor Fredericks is now coming to fruition; and

**WHEREAS**, Urman Victor Fredericks died April 26, 1974, without witnessing the realization of his dream; 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 Virgin Islands, honors and commends Urman Victor Fredericks for his dedicated service to the people of the Virgin Islands, especially in the field of marine engineering and names the new Red Hook Terminal "The Urman Victor Fredericks Marine Terminal." The Governor shall cause to be prepared a distinctive sign bearing the inscription "The Urman Victor Fredericks Marine Terminal" to be affixed in a conspicuous place at the Red Hook Terminal.

**SECTION 2.** The President of the Legislature or the President's designee shall present a perma plaque copy of this Act to the primary relatives of Urman Victor Fredericks at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on September 19, 2006.

*22<sup>nd</sup>* Witness our Hands and the Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this Day of September, A.D., 2006.



*Lorraine L. Berry*

Lorraine L. Berry  
President

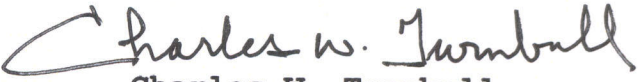
*Juan Figueroa-Serville*

Juan Figueroa-Serville  
Legislative Secretary



The above bill is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the  
Government of the United States  
Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,  
St. Thomas, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October,  
A.D., 2006.

  
Charles W. Turnbull  
Governor