

ACT NO. 8703

BILL NO. 35-0007

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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An Act honoring and commending Mr. Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman for his many contributions to the people and the youth of the Virgin Islands and to name the basketball court at the Oswald Harris Court "The Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman Basketball Court"

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WHEREAS, Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman was born December 11, 1962, on the island of St. Thomas to the late Eric Todman Sr. and Jean George Todman;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman has resided in the Oswald Harris housing community for most of his life;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman has two sisters and five brothers;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman is the proud father of one daughter and a loving grandfather to two grandsons;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman attended Lockhart Elementary School, Wayne Aspinall, Jr. High School (now Addelita Cancryn School), and the Charlotte Amalie High School;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman enjoys basketball, horse racing, fishing, baseball, football, and meeting people;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman presently works for the Department of Education as a Hall Monitor;

WHEREAS, throughout his life Boyd Todman has had a passion for basketball;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman played in many basketball tournaments during his school age-years;

WHEREAS, in 1982, Boyd Todman began coaching teams for neighborhood tournaments and youth leagues;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman has also refereed for some of those games; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman is a member of the St. Thomas Association of Referees (S.T.A.R.);

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman has coached high school and elementary school teams as well;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman played on the Marlins softball team;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman coached and umpired baseball games as a volunteer;

WHEREAS, in 1996, Boyd Todman along with former Senator Allison Petrus founded the Zero Tolerance Basketball League, which in 2002, became the Zero Tolerance Basketball Organization, Inc. ("Zero Tolerance Organization"), a non-profit entity;

WHEREAS, the Zero Tolerance Organization's mission is to take a zero-tolerance stance against drugs, alcohol, violence, bad attitudes, and negative behavior;

WHEREAS, the Zero Tolerance Organization promotes discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork and positive behavior by providing a positive environment for the youth to mature into outstanding athletes who are educated, healthy, honest, and productive members of society and the world;

WHEREAS, the Zero Tolerance Organization has been a positive presence in the community for the past 21 years;

WHEREAS, in that time, the Zero Tolerance Organization has grown to include inter-neighborhood tournaments, inter-islands tournaments, clinics, leagues, tournaments in the United States, basketball training, conflict resolution, and mentoring;

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman's passion for basketball and his love for helping youngsters improve their basketball skills led him to become an outstanding citizen in the community; and

WHEREAS, Boyd Todman was recognized by numerous organizations for his continued contributions to the children of the Virgin Islands; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The basketball court at the Oswald Harris Court is named "The Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman Basketball Court".

SECTION 2. The sum of \$5,000 is appropriated from the General Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to the Virgin Islands Housing Authority to erect signage that reads "The Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman Basketball Court".

SECTION 3. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, honors and commends Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman for his selfless service to the people of the Virgin Islands by providing training in various sports, counseling, and mentoring to hundreds of youth.

SECTION 4. The President of the Legislature, or the President's designee, shall prepare and present a perma plaque copy of this act to Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on April 14, 2023.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 18th Day of April, A.D., 2023.



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Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carla J. Joseph".

Carla J. Joseph
Secretary



Bill No. 35-0007 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, This 25th day of April, 2023 A.D.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.".

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor