

ACT NO. 8738

BILL NO. 35-0114

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2023

An Act honoring and commending the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games gold medal winners, and for other related purposes

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WHEREAS, the Central American and Caribbean Games is a multi-sport regional championship event held every four years between 32 countries and five territories throughout Central America, the Caribbean, Mexico, and four South American countries;

WHEREAS, the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games was held in San Salvador, El Salvador from June 23, 2023, to July 8, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Senior Women National Basketball Team represented the United States Virgin Islands in the women's team basketball competition;

WHEREAS, members of the Virgin Islands Senior Women's National Basketball Team who competed in the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games are: Kaya Evans, Naja Ngongba, Kadasha Barry, Imani Tate, November Morton, Keshara Romain, Natalie Kleeman-Day, Anisha George, Lanese Bough, J-Naya Ephraim and Shomyra Francis;

WHEREAS, the coaching, training and support staff consisted of: Head Coach, Tajama Ngongba; Assistant Coach, Clint Williams; Team Manager, Rufus Horton; and Support and Training Staff, La Reina Robinson;

WHEREAS, Nicholas D'Amour represented the Virgin Islands in the male archer competition;

WHEREAS, Nicholas D'Amour and the members of the Virgin Islands Senior Women's Basketball Team performed phenomenally, surpassing their competitors, and earned gold medals in their respective event;

WHEREAS, the gold medal win for the Senior Women's National Basketball Team is the first ever gold medal win for the Virgin Islands in a team sport at the Central American and Caribbean Games;

WHEREAS, these athletes represent the 12th and 13th Gold Medal win in the history of the operations of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee, dating back to the 1966 Central American and Caribbean Games; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Senior Women's Basketball Team and Nicholas D'Amour demonstrated incredible athleticism and serve as a phenomenal representation in the international arena of determination and talent in the United States Virgin Islands; 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 the Virgin Islands Senior Women's Basketball Team and Nicholas D'Amour for their gold medal win, athleticism, and exceptional representation for the United States Virgin Islands in the international arena.

SECTION 2. The President of the Legislature or the President's designee shall prepare and present a perma plaque copy of this Act to each member of the Virgin Islands Senior Women's Basketball Team, the Virgin Islands Basketball Federation, and Nicholas D'Amour at the celebration activities in recognition of the athletes.

SECTION 3. (a) The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee to award \$5,000 to Nicholas D'Amour and to each of the eleven members of the Virgin Islands Senior Women's Basketball Team, namely: Kaya Evans, Naja Ngongba, Kadasha Barry, Imani Tate, November Morton, Keshara Romain, Natalie Kleeman-Day, Anisha George, Lanese Bough, J-Naya Ephraim and Shomyra Francis.

(b) The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee shall award the remaining \$15,000 to the Virgin Islands Basketball Federation to be used for the celebration activities. The Virgin Islands Olympic Committee is subject to and must comply with the reporting requirements of title 2 Virgin Islands Code, section 29.

SECTION 4. The sum of \$5,000 is appropriated from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands be used to fund the activities described in section 2 of Act.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on July 20, 2023.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 24th Day of July, A.D., 2023.



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Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President

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Carla J. Joseph
Secretary



Bill No. 35-0114 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Christiansted, St. Croix, This 1st day of August, 2023 A.D.

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

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tregenza A. Roach".

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor