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**Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

March 4, 2022

A Resolution honoring and commending Eugene “Genix” Thomas posthumously for his outstanding contributions to the Virgin Islands community as a baseball, softball, and life coach

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**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Kurt A. Violet, Franklin D. Johnson and  
Genevieve R. Whitaker  
Co-sponsor: Samuel Carrión

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1       **WHEREAS**, Eugene Augustine Thomas, also known as “Genix”, was born on St.  
2 Croix, Virgin Islands on December 15, 1936, to Maria and Henry Thomas;

3       **WHEREAS**, Genix was the youngest of six children and shared a keen love for music  
4 with his siblings;

5       **WHEREAS**, he was raised with love, faith, and the fear of God in the town of  
6 Frederiksted where he graduated from St. Patrick’s Catholic School in 1956;

7       **WHEREAS**, Eugene Thomas was the father of five children, and resided in Estate  
8 Smithfield with his wife Erma Williams-Thomas;

9       **WHEREAS**, his contributions to the community validated his commitment to  
10 service, illustrated a call to duty, and demonstrated the adage “the harder you work for  
11 something, the greater you feel when you achieve”;

1           **WHEREAS**, Genix honorably served the Government of the Virgin Islands for 39  
2 years as an administrative clerk with the Department of Public Works;

3           **WHEREAS**, Genix was a devoted lover of sports who dedicated long training hours  
4 daily to youngsters and adults alike, which resulted in innumerable winning streaks,  
5 including Virgin Islands and national championships;

6           **WHEREAS**, one of Genix's greatest achievements was winning the 1978 Cinderella  
7 Softball World Series Championship, as he managed a team consisting of 13 young ladies  
8 under the age of 14, which competed against 23 teams;

9           **WHEREAS**, that victory propelled Genix's career as a coach, manager, and mentor;

10          **WHEREAS**, in addition to the 1978 V.I. Cinderella Softball World Series  
11 championship team, Genix's legacy includes but is not limited to legendary Virgin Islands  
12 softball teams such as: the V.I. National Softball Team, Thymes, Lancers, Stars, Lady  
13 Bugs, Reds, Blazers, Croixettes, Just for Fun, Lets have Fun, Let Dem Talk, Nuttin 2 Lose,  
14 Lady Nix, Flames, Cinnamons, St. Croix Central High School Varsity and Junior Varsity  
15 softball teams, and the St. Croix Interscholastic Girls All Star Softball Team (1981-1984);

16          **WHEREAS**, as a thoroughbred horse owner, breeder, and trainer, Genix's love for  
17 horses was also another outlet for mentorship;

18          **WHEREAS**, his adoration for horses was one of the reasons he was adamant about  
19 passing on a wealth of knowledge on caring and breeding methods to a plethora of  
20 thoroughbred owners;

21          **WHEREAS**, in recognition of his contribution to the sport of horse racing in the  
22 Virgin Islands, Genix was recognized and honored by the Virgin Islands Thoroughbred  
23 Owners and Breeders Association for his lifetime commitment, dedication, and love for  
24 the sport of horse racing in the Virgin Islands;

1           **WHEREAS**, Genix was a surrogate parent to many adolescents in the community,  
2 and he guided them not only in sports, but also in academics;

3           **WHEREAS**, he often imparted words of wisdom and encouraged a long list of  
4 athletes to pursue higher education and even assisted them with obtaining scholarships;

5           **WHEREAS**, even with his busy schedule, Genix found time to indulge in one of his  
6 many talents as a writer and poet;

7           **WHEREAS**, he composed countless poems expressing his thoughts, feelings, love,  
8 and affection for the town of Frederiksted, along with pride in preserving the Crucian  
9 culture;

10           **WHEREAS**, some of Genix’s poetry could even be heard on local radio stations  
11 being read by radio personality and childhood friend, Mario Moorhead;

12           **WHEREAS**, amongst the pieces that he enjoyed sharing with his family, friends, and  
13 community are “Divine Guidance”, “Ode to Maria”, “Memorabilia”, “Hugoritis”, “Life,  
14 “Love”, “Prosti”, “Learning the Hard Way”, “Deadly Blunder”, “St. Croix”, “Nicknames”,  
15 “A Blessing in Disguise” and “Drugs”;

16           **WHEREAS**, Eugene “Genix” Thomas was a husband, father, surrogate parent,  
17 coach, mentor, musician, writer, poet, and dear friend to many St. Croix residents;

18           **WHEREAS**, Genix is a Crucian Legend whose significant leadership impacted  
19 hundreds, if not thousands of lives throughout the entire Virgin Islands; Now, Therefore,

20 ***Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:***

21           **SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of  
22 the Virgin Islands, honors and commends Mr. Eugene Augustine “Genix” Thomas  
23 posthumously for his outstanding service and contributions to the sports of baseball,  
24 softball, horse racing, and to the people of St. Croix and the greater Virgin Islands  
25 community.

