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A Resolution honoring and commending Alvin Delano Burke, Sr. posthumously for his service and contributions to the sport of basketball, horse racing, and to the people of the Virgin Islands

PROPOSED BY: Senators Kurt A. Violet, Carla J. Joseph, Franklin D. Johnson,
and Genevieve R. Whitaker

1 **WHEREAS**, Alvin Delano Burke, Sr., also known as “Kinko” and better known as
2 “Baby” was born on St. Croix, Virgin Islands on March 16, 1956, to Gwendolyn Chase-
3 Burke and Calvin Delano Burke, Sr.;

4 **WHEREAS**, Alvin was the third of eight children and he believed in the value of
5 family and education;

6 **WHEREAS**, Alvin received his elementary and secondary education in the Virgin
7 Islands public school system and graduated from the St. Croix Central High School in the
8 class of 1974;

9 **WHEREAS**, he then traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the University of the
10 District of Columbia and in 1979, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Community Planning

1 and Development with a concentration in Assisted Housing Development, Urban Policy
2 Analysis, and Recreation Administration;

3 **WHEREAS**, Alvin continued his education and in 1980 earning a Master of Science
4 Degree in Urban Affairs with a concentration in Land Use Law and Administration, Urban
5 Development, Program Management, and Neighborhood Revitalization from Hunter
6 University in New York, New York;

7 **WHEREAS**, he was later became certified as a Manager of Community Associations
8 and Professional Management Development;

9 **WHEREAS**, Alvin returned to St. Croix and immediately began his profession as
10 the Community Organizer for the Virgin Islands Housing Authority; this new role was just
11 the beginning of his 12-year career as Chief Planner;

12 **WHEREAS**, he became the Executive Director for Nazareth Housing Inc., in 1992.
13 In 1995, he was the Assistant Commissioner for the Department of Housing, Parks and
14 Recreation, and in 2009, he was named Director;

15 **WHEREAS**, Alvin's career connected him with many residents of the community;
16 however, many of his greatest accomplishments came from his love for basketball and
17 horse racing;

18 **WHEREAS**, his favorite team was the Los Angeles Lakers, and so he created a mini
19 fandom with all his children. He remarkably mentored about 200 players, over 40 years
20 on Grass Roots, Pearl B. Larsen Dolphins and Lady Dolphins, Juanita Gardine Hurricanes,
21 Sparks, and his heartstring, Lakers. He made a connection with the players he coached on
22 the basketball court, where he gained the name Coach Burke;

