

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
VETERAN AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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BILL NO. 35-0109

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

July 18, 2023

An Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John “Kendall Emanuel George Drive” South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes

PROPOSED BY: Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff and Ray Fonseca

1 **WHEREAS**, Kendall Emanuel George was born to Ina A. Matthias George and St.
2 Clair E. George on November 11, 1942, on the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Kendall resided on St. Thomas with his family until the age of five and
4 then relocated to St. John; and

5 **WHEREAS**, he grew up with his parents, an elder sister, and a younger brother and
6 spent the greater part of his childhood to early teen years in the Hard Labor area of Coral Bay,
7 St. John; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Kendall attended the Horace Mann Elementary School and the Benjamin
9 Franklin Elementary School, later named “Guy H. Benjamin Elementary School”; and

10 **WHEREAS**, his freshman and sophomore years were spent at the Charlotte Amalie High
11 School on St. Thomas. He relocated to New York, where he completed his junior and senior

1 years and graduated from the Manhattan Vocational Technical High School in the field of
2 machine technology; and

3 **WHEREAS**, along with a few of his friends and family members, Kendall decided to
4 join the United States Armed Forces; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Kendall was called to active duty in Marine Corps in August 1963 and was
6 sent to Paris Island, South Carolina, to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot for Boot Camp training.
7 He later went to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, for advanced training; and

8 **WHEREAS**, before being deployed, he was also stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii,
9 where he participated in many sports; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the sports Kendall loved and excelled in included weightlifting, martial
11 arts, softball, and wrestling, which he continued after being deployed to Okinawa Japan Marine
12 Base; and

13 **WHEREAS**, after a brief furlough at home with family and friends, Kendall received
14 orders to Supply Company Force Logistic Support Group 1 Battalion United States Marine
15 Corps Vietnam, Sup Co FLSG 1 BN USMC VIETNAM, where he served in the rank of
16 Corporal; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Kendall was killed by enemy fire in the vicinity of Chu Lai, Vietnam, on
18 December 2, 1966; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Kendall's remains were escorted back to St. John, Virgin Islands, and laid
20 to rest in the Emmaus Moravian Church Cemetery in Coral Bay, St. John; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Kendall is survived by his sister, Geneva I. Paris, and brother, Henry A.
22 Powell; and

23 **WHEREAS**, approximately 1,600 Virgin Islanders served in the Vietnam War, and a
24 documented 16 servicemen gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

