

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
YOUTH AND RECREATION

BILL NO. 30-0321

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 19, 2014

An Act providing for the erection of a full length statue of Virgin Islands hero, world boxing champion, the late Emile Griffith in his boxing gloves and fighter's stance at the Emile Griffith Ballpark on St. Thomas and for other purposes

PROPOSED BY: Senator Myron D. Jackson

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Pursuant to the authority conferred by title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter
3 18, sections 301 et. Seq., the Commissioner of the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation in
4 conjunction with the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts shall erect a full-length statue of Virgin
5 Islands hero, world boxing champion, the late Emile Griffith, showcased in his boxing gloves
6 and fighter's stance at the Emile Griffith ballpark on the island of St. Thomas. The statue must
7 be accompanied by a plaque with historical details of Emile Griffith's life.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Planning and Natural Resources shall designate and
9 appropriately mark, with the consent of the family of the late Emile Griffith's childhood home at
10 No. 6 Princesse Gade, Crown Prince Quarter as a historical site of memory to be placed in the
11 Virgin Islands Registry of Historic Places.

1 Section 3 of the Bill appropriates monies for the erection of a statute by the Department
2 of Sports, Parks and Recreation of the late Emile Griffith at the Emile Griffith ballpark.

3 Section 4 of the Bill establishes a fund to preserve the memory of Emile Griffith and
4 maintain the Park named in his honor.

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