

BILL NO. 29-0354

Twenty-Ninth Legislature Of The Virgin Islands

July 10, 2012

A Resolution to honor and commend Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz for his service and loyalty to his community

PROPOSED BY: Senator Alicia “Chucky” Hansen

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz was born in Christiansted, St. Croix, on November 26,

2 1949 to Telesfor and Hubelina Ortiz, who are both natives of our neighboring island of Vieques, Puerto
3 Rico; and

4 WHEREAS, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz is the proud husband of Carmen Villegas-Ortiz, and father of
5 two daughters, two sons and grandfather to eight grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz’s work experience began early in the watch industry as a
7 “line worker” assembling watches. Through his forty two years of experience in the watch making
8 industry, he has trained many of the watch technicians and watch makers on the island of St. Croix; and

9 WHEREAS, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz is the current owner and manager of Ortiz Landscaping &
10 Maintenance Company; and

11 WHEREAS, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz, at a very young age became actively involved in social
12 activities such as softball leagues, political events and many other community activities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz joined various softball leagues on St. Croix and was
2 successful at coordinating and obtaining sponsorships for both male and female inter-island softball
3 matches. He brought all levels of softball players to the island of St. Croix from Puerto Rico and Florida
4 which included professional players such as the Malina Brothers and Dody Yankee bringing prestige
5 and tourism to the island of St. Croix; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz, at the age of sixteen, became interested in politics and was
7 inspired by the platform presented by The Independent Citizens Movement. His enthusiasm and love
8 for politics made him an active participant in numerous political events. While gaining his political
9 experience, he gradually became an influential community activist supporting various political parties;
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11 **WHEREAS**, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz, over the years, has gained an extensive knowledge of the
12 political system. He learned the importance of leadership and the need for community involvement and
13 has dedicated most of his leisure time organizing community groups in support of his chosen political
14 party for the sole purpose of representing the community in which he resides; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz, for the past eleven years, in celebration of Three Kings Day,
16 has gathered donations for the children in his community from various sponsors. The sponsors provide
17 toys, food and drinks. What started out with 50 donated gifts has increased to 500 or more per season.

18 **WHEREAS**, On December 24th of each year, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz has a Christmas serenade
19 around Estate Profit in an effort to lift the spirits of the people; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz also recognizes students in his community who have excelled
21 in school as honor students to encourage other students to emulate their scholarly habits; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz is the President of Club Los Nuevos Rancheros Sport Club,
23 Inc. and past President of the Estate Profit Action Committee; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz was honored by various organizations such as Hovensa, the
2 Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Committee and the Democratic Party for his outstanding
3 leadership abilities; Now, Therefore,

4 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

5 **SECTION 1.** That the Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of
6 the Virgin Islands, honors and commends Mr. Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz for his service and loyalty to his
7 community that have earned him the love and respect of people of all races.

8 **SECTION 2.** That in recognition and appreciation of his contributions to the people of the
9 Virgin Islands, a perma plaque copy of this Resolution shall be prepared and presented to Mr. Edwin
10 “Eddie” Ortiz by the President of the Legislature at an appropriate ceremony.

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12 **BILL SUMMARY**

13 This bill recognizes Mr. Edwin “Eddie” Ortiz for his service and loyalty to the community that
14 has earned him the love and respect of people of all races.

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17 **BR11-1223/ June 28, 2012/ Reviewed by TF**

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