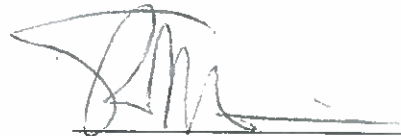


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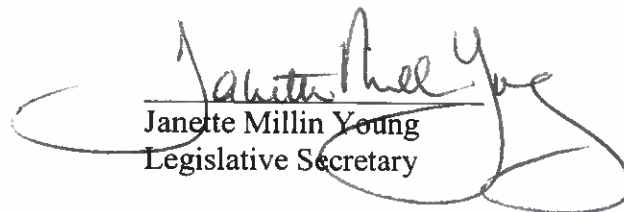
**CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT
NOTWITHSTANDING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, Bill No. 30-0451- An Act to name the park at northwestern end of Veterans Drive, The William Henry Hastie Park, enacted by the Thirtieth Legislature at its regular session held on July 28, 2014, (a copy of which is attached hereto) and vetoed by the Governor on August 11, 2014, was duly enacted, by override, by the Thirtieth Legislature at its regular session on September 25, 2014, pursuant to section 9(d) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, 48 U.S.C. §1575 (d), notwithstanding the Governor's veto and has become law.

DATED: 9/30/14


Shawn-Michael Malone
President

ATTEST:


Janette Millin Young
Legislative Secretary



OVERRIDDEN
DATE: 09/25/2014

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An Act to name the park at northwestern end of Veterans Drive The William Henry Hastie Park

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WHEREAS, William Henry Hastie, Jr., ("Mr. Hastie") was born on November 17, 1904, in Knoxville, Tennessee to William Henry Hastie, Sr., and Roberta Hastie (maiden name Childs); and

WHEREAS, in 1916, Mr. Hastie's family moved to Washington, District of Columbia and Mr. Hastie attended the Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, where he excelled as a student athlete and graduated in 1921 as the school's Valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Mr. Hastie attended Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts where he majored in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Mr. Hastie graduated from Amherst College as the Valedictorian in his class, magna cum laude; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Mr. Hastie taught for two years at the Manual Training and Industrial School for Colored Youth in Bordentown, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, in 1927, Mr. Hastie entered Harvard University Law School, where he was a member of the Harvard Law Review Editorial Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastie graduated from Harvard Law School in 1930 with an LL. B., followed in 1933 with Doctorate of Judicial Science; and

WHEREAS, in 1931, Mr. Hastie was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and from 1930 through 1993, he worked in private practice at the law firm of Houston, Houston and Hastie, during which time he also was a professor of law at Howard University School of Law and among his students was Thurgood Marshall, a civil rights lawyer and activist and first African-American United States Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Mr. Hastie as an Assistant Solicitor at the United States Department of Interior where he advised the agency on race relation issues; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, President Roosevelt appointed Mr. Hastie to serve as a Federal Judge in the District Court of the Virgin Islands, making him the first African-American Federal Judge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastie served as a Judge at the District Court of the Virgin Islands for two years, resigning to return to Howard University School of Law as Dean and a Professor of Law; and

WHEREAS, from 1940 through 1943, Mr. Hastie worked as a civilian aide to the United States Secretary of War, Henry Stimson, during which time he vigorously advocated for the equal treatment of African-Americans in the United States Armed Forces and resigned from the post in protest against the racial segregation that persisted in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, President Harry S. Truman appointed Mr. Hastie as Governor of the Virgin Islands, the first African-American to be appointed to the position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastie served as the Governor of the Virgin Islands until 1949; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1949, President Truman nominated him as a candidate to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 1950, the United States Senate confirmed Mr. Hastie's appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and he assumed the commission on July 22, 1950, making him the first African-American appellate judge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastie served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for twenty-one years, having served as the Chief Justice from 1968 through 1971, assuming senior status on May 31, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastie was a civil rights activist and was a founding member of the District of Columbia chapter of the New Negro Alliance; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) awarded Mr. Hastie the Spingarn Medal for his contribution to the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastie participated in several landmark civil rights cases, namely the *New Negro Alliance v. Sanitary Grocery Company*, *Smith v. Allwright* and *Morgan v. Virginia*; the latter two cases he worked on with Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP, and they were victorious in arguing those cases before the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Mr. Hastie married Beryl Lockhart, and the couple had two children, William and Karen Hastie, both lawyers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastie was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1952 and was awarded over twenty honorary degrees, including one from Yale University, awarded in 1957; and

WHEREAS, in Mr. Hastie's later years, he devoted his energies to public interest law, assisting in efforts to raise money and assistance for law firms and programs that helped consumers, environmentalist and minorities; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, William Henry Hastie passed away, having lived a life dedicated to racial equality, civil rights and public service; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, in recognition of his many contributions, names the park at the northwestern end of Veterans Drive "The William Henry Mr. Hastie Park."

SECTION 2. The Department of Sports, Parks and Recreations shall erect an appropriate sign in a conspicuous location at the park bearing an inscription, "The William Henry Hastie Park."

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on July 28, 2014.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 31st Day of July, A.D., 2014.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn-Michael Malone".

Shawn-Michael Malone
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janette Millin Young".

Janette Millin Young
Legislative Secretary