

**RESOLUTION NO. 1679**

**BILL NO. 26-0046**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Regular Session**

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To honor and commend Mrs. Billye Mayo for winning the national title of Ms. United States Classic

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**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Billye Mayo was originally born in West Virginia in 1940 and was married to Joseph Mayo for almost forty years. The couple has two daughters and two grand children, and in addition a foster daughter and a foster grand daughter; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Billye Mayo moved to New York City at an early age and received her education in the New York City school system, earning a BA degree from Brooklyn College; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of her work experience was with the New York City Probation Department where she began her career as a probation officer. Subsequently she was promoted to supervisor, then to Branch Chief, and later retired as the Assistant Commissioner for Queen Country Probation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, other jobs Mrs. Mayo held range from counseling troubled youths to designing and administering drug, alcohol and domestic violence programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mayo had administrative responsibility for a staff of two hundred probation officers and support staff who delivered probation supervision to 20,000 probationers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, Mrs. Mayo moved to the Virgin Islands, and in 2003 Mrs. Mayo participated in and won the Ms. Virgin Islands American Classic Pageant held in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, Mrs. Billye Mayo was the first representative of the Virgin Islands to win and be crowned “The National Ms American Classic”; and

**WHEREAS**, during her reign, Mrs. Mayo was a role model for women over sixty, representing American Classic women in the two-mile women’s jogger jam and the four mile “Walk a Thon” to raise money for Ivanna Eudora Kean High School; and

**WHEREAS**, being a cancer survivor, Mrs. Mayo was proud to showcase her talent as a Tina Turner impersonator at the first Charlotte Kemelman Cancer Institute Telethon, and she volunteered for the second annual telethon. Mrs. Mayo also appeared in several carnival parades in St. Thomas, St. John, Tortola, and the BVI, Now, Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

**SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, honors and commends Mrs. Billye Mayo, on being the first representative from the Virgin Islands to win the National Ms. American Classic Pageant.

**SECTION 2.** The President or the President designee shall present Mrs. Billye Mayo with a perma plaque copy of this Resolution at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on May 4, 2005

Witnessed our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this \_\_\_\_\_  
Day of May, A.D., 2005.

Lorraine L. Berry  
President

Liston A. Davis  
Legislative Secretary

