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To honor and commend the Virgin Islands Amateur Boxing Team for its participation in the Caribbean Amateur Boxing Association Championships and winning a record number of medals

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Roosevelt St. C. David, Liston A. Davis, Pedro “Pete” Encarnacion,
Neville James, Norman Jn. Baptiste, Shawn-Michael Malone,
Usie R. Richards, Ronald E. Russell, Juan Figueroa-Serville and
Celestino A. White Sr.

WHEREAS, The Virgin Islands Amateur Boxing Federation (VIABF), a non profit organization, has been in existence for more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, VIABF is specifically geared toward the development of young boxers in the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, under former Presidents Fermin Corniero and Robert Moorehead, VIABF has participated in tournaments throughout the Caribbean including Martinique, Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago and have won numerous medals ; and

WHEREAS, VIABF is a member of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee, with Mr. Leonard Bonelli Sr. as liaison between both entities; and

WHEREAS, In July 2004, under the stewardship of the incumbent President Jose Rosario, VIABF was awarded the opportunity to host the 21st Caribbean Amateur Boxing Championships; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 tournament was held in St. Thomas between June 18 to June 22, at the Bertha C. Boschulte Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, 17 countries participated in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, athletes of, the Virgin Islands Amateur Boxing Federation earned a total of 16 medals; and

WHEREAS, this accomplishment is an unprecedented effort in amateur boxing in the Caribbean in the last 30 years, 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 Messrs. Clerance Joseph, Otoniel Ortiz, Jose Fuentes, Jamal Harvey, John Jackson, Julius Jackson, Clayton Laurent Jr., Fernando Ledger, Jose Reyes, and Richard Sasso for winning gold medals in their respective weight classification;

SECTION 2. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, honors and commends Messrs. Tremaine Maynard, Edward Joseph, Lavon Maddox, Gorrel Fredericks and Tevan Richards for winning silver medal in their respective weight classification and Julian Jackson Jr. for winning a bronze medal in his weight classification.

SECTION 3. The President of the Legislature or the President's designee shall present at an appropriate ceremony a perma plaque copy of this Resolution to the Virgin Islands Amateur Boxing Federation for its outstanding performance and their individual accomplishments at the 21st Caribbean Amateur Boxing Championships held on June 18-22, 2005 in St. Thomas at the Bertha C. Boschulte Junior High School.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill honors and commends the Virgin Islands Amateur Boxing Federation team for winning a total of 16 medals at the 21st Caribbean Amateur Championships held on June 18-22, 2005 at the Bertha C. Boschulte Junior High School. There were 10 gold medals, five silver medals and one bronze medal awarded to the Virgin Islands team.

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