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Bill No. 23-0195

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

- (a) Introduced and sent to Committee on.....Date.....
- (b) Reported from Committee and sent to Rules on.....
- (c) Reported from Committee on Rules.....
- (d) Recalled from Committee by Special Order.....
- (e) Adopted on.....
- (f) Rejected on.....
- (g) Vetoed by Governor on.....
- (h) Reconsidered by Legislature and passed or rejected
over Governor's Veto on.....

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BRYAN, Adelbert M.			1	
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DAVID, Roosevelt St. C.	4			
DONASTORG, Adlah "Foncie"	5			
GOLDEN, Violet Anne	6			
GOMEZ, Judy M.	7			
GOODWIN, George E.	8			
HANSEN, Alicia "Chucky"				1
JN. BAPTISTE, Norman	9			
JONES, David S.	10			
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BILL NO. 23-0195

**Twenty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands
of the United States**

To honor Earl B. Ottley posthumously and to make an appropriation therefor

PROPOSED BY: Senator George E. Goodwin

1 WHEREAS there is little that can be added to the voluminous public record of
2 accolades and honors accorded Senator Earle B. Ottley;
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4 WHEREAS Earle B. Ottley, a native son of the Virgin Islands, served his people
5 for five decades as a journalist, labor organizer, and a social, economic and political
6 leader with great dedication, zeal and diligence; and
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8 WHEREAS he served in the legislative branch of the Government of the Virgin
9 Islands longer than any other Virgin Islander; first as a member of the Municipal Council
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1 of St. Thomas and St. John from 1946 to 1954 and, as a member of the Legislature of the
2 Virgin Islands from 1954 to 1981 ; and

3 **WHEREAS** the name of Earle B. Ottley is identified with numerous pieces of the
4 legislation and popular movements that modernized governmental institutions and
5 programs and improved the quality of life for all of the people of the Virgin Islands; and

6 **WHEREAS** Earle B. Ottley was in the vanguard of those who struggled
7 successfully for increased self-government and recognition for the Virgin Islands; and

8 **WHEREAS** his great contributions, outstanding statesmanship, dedicated public
9 service live on as inspiration for those who would follow in his path; and

10 **WHEREAS** it is the sense of this Legislature that the people of the Virgin Islands
11 owe the late Senator Earle B. Ottley a deep debt of gratitude; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Legislature in Act 4412 named the Legislative Chambers in the
13 Capitol Building in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Virgin Islands in honor of Earle B.
14 Ottley; and

15 **WHEREAS** a statue was to be erected in the Floria V. Callwood Garden of the
16 Capitol Building; and

17 **WHEREAS** Earle B. Ottley passed away on August 26, 1999; and

18 **WHEREAS** Senator Ottley requested that his ashes be preserved in a proper
19 place; and

20 **WHEREAS** the family of the late Senator Ottley desires to honor his request; and

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1 **WHEREAS** his family is confident that the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall or
2 the garden outside of the Hall would be the proper final resting place for his cremains;
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5 **WHEREAS** the Legislature, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, desires
6 to honor the memory of the late Senator Earl B. Ottley; Now, Therefore,

7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

8 **SECTION 1.** Within one year after the enactment of this Act, the President of the
9 Legislature shall cause to be erected a permanent enclosure within the Earle B. Ottley
10 Legislative Hall or outside in the garden where the urn containing the cremains of the
11 late Earle B. Ottley will be kept and protected in perpetuity.

12 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of title 21 chapter 1, Virgin Islands
13 Code the sum Five Thousand Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby
14 appropriated from the Homestead and Home Loan Fund, established in title 21 section 8
15 of this Code, to the Legislature in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, to effectuate
16 the purpose set forth in Section 1 of this Act.
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20 **BILL SUMMARY**

21 Section 1 of the Bill directs the President of the Legislature to have inurned the
22 cremains of the late Senator Earle B. Ottley.

23 Section 2 provides for an appropriation of \$5000 or so much thereof as is
24 necessary to carry out the mandate of section 1 of the bill.

25 BR-99-1119/December 13, 1999/Reviewed by YLT
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