

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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BILL NO. 33-0058

Thirty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands

April 4, 2019

A Resolution honoring and commending Ms. Kerra Samuel, 2019 State Teacher of the Year from the District of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, for her dedication and service to the people of the Virgin Islands

PROPOSED BY: Senators Kenneth L. Gittens and Dwayne M. DeGraff
Co-Sponsors: Allison L. DeGazon and Javan E. James, Sr.

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kerra Samuel attended the University of the Virgin Islands and
2 obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education;

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel began her teaching career in 1999 at the Pearl B. Larsen
4 Elementary School;

5 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel began as a fifth-grade instructor and subsequently
6 transitioned to teach sixth grade;

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel, in order to augment her skills and redirect her professional
8 goals, continued her education at Nova Southeastern University in Florida;

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel successfully completed a Master of Science Curriculum,
2 Instruction and Technology program;

3 **WHEREAS**, armed with her master's degree Ms. Samuel returned to her birthplace of
4 St. Croix and resumed her employment with the Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School where to
5 this day she continues in her role as a computer teacher;

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel's cheerful, caring and self-sacrificing personality has
7 endeared her to hundreds of students as well as parents;

8 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel's love for working with children was instilled at an early
9 age and heightened by her mother's example as an educator;

10 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel has always believed that teaching is a rewarding profession
11 and has strived to be successful and has continuously demonstrated her skill in her chosen and
12 cherished profession;

13 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel's motivation to ensure that all Virgin Islands students have
14 access to the quality education they deserve is evident to all with whom she interacts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Samuel has been chosen by her peers as the 2019 Virgin Islands
16 State Teacher of the Year; Now, Therefore,

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

18 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the
19 Virgin Islands, recognizes, honors and commends Ms. Kerra Samuel for her outstanding and
20 dedicated service to the people of the Virgin Islands.

21 **SECTION 2.** The President of the Legislature, or the President's designee, shall
22 present a perma plaque copy of this Resolution to Ms. Kerra Samuel at an appropriate
23 ceremony.

1 Bill Summary

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3 Teacher of the Year from St. Croix, Virgin Islands, for her outstanding and dedicated service
4 to the people of the Virgin Islands.

5 **BR19-0220/March 21, 2019/LHM/Reviewed by EEM**