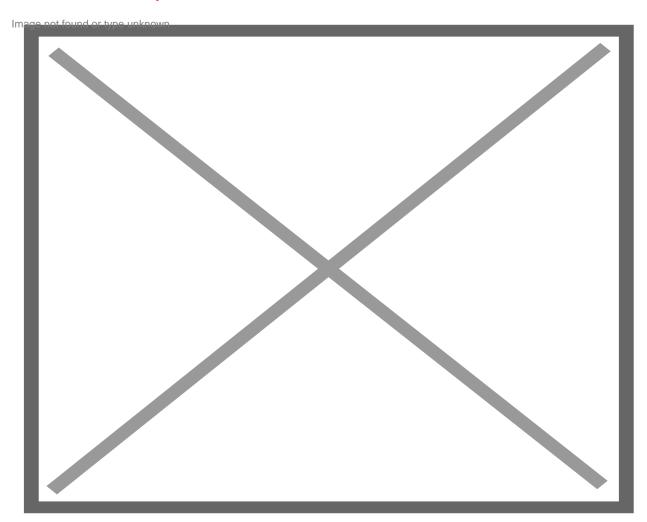
Governor Bryan Extends Condolences to the Families of Conrad Francois and Ron de Lugo

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Governor Albert Bryan has issued statements extending his heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of Conrad "Ricky" Francois and former Delegate to Congress Ron De Lugo.

"I am beyond saddened to learn of the passing of Conrad "Ricky" Francois, a committed and beloved Virgin Islander. I join with Ricky's family, friends, and all others in our community in mourning this loss. During his honorable career, he served us well. Ricky will perhaps be most remembered as a civic leader and tireless advocate for the professional growth of young Virgin Islanders and the political advancement of his community.

"Just as he did for many young Virgin Islanders, Ricky played an integral role in my professional development. Under his leadership as the Executive Director of the V.I. Housing Authority, I

learned the fundamentals of leadership and government. Always determined and forward-thinking about paving a positive future for our people, he caringly took many others under his wing during his public service as associate director of the Office of Management and Budget, director of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act Program and as director of the V.I. Lottery.

"He was a personal and political mentor and a dear friend. He will be tremendously missed by our entire community. Yolanda and I are deeply saddened by the passing of Conrad "Ricky" Francois and extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Ellen, his children Conrad and Eleanor, and the entire family circle. May he rest in eternal peace"

Governor Bryan's condolences to former Delegate to Congress Ron de Lugo

"Yolanda and I are saddened to learn of the passing of former Virgin Islands Senator and longtime Delegate to Congress Ron de Lugo," he said. "Ron was a pragmatic statesman who carried the torch of political progress for the Virgin Islands and the other insular territories in the U.S. Congress for more than two decades. Growing up, he was a household name, known not only for his political service but also for his commentary on local talk radio. Our thoughts are with his family, loved ones, and all in the Virgin Islands community who mourn his loss.

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