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Bryan to Participate in Ceremony Renaming Road in Honor of Sen. Elmo D. Roebuck Sr.

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Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. By. Government House

ST. THOMAS — Governor Albert Bryan will participate in a road-renaming ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday just east of Nelson Mandela Circle at the junction with Wendy's in Long Bay, St. Thomas in honor of former Senator Elmo D. Roebuck Sr., Government House has announced.

The 29th Legislature passed 7242 to posthumously honor Mr. Roebuck, who was instrumental in starting the territory's affordable housing program under Governor Ralph Paiewonsky before serving eight terms in the Virgin Islands Legislature.

Under Act 7242, a sign is being erected identifying part of Route 30 from Nelson Mandela Circle to Donkey Hill as "The Elmo D. Roebuck Sr. Drive."

As the head of the territory's fledgling Housing Program, Elmo Roebuck oversaw the construction of the Oswald Harris Court and Paul M. Pearson Gardens housing communities on St. Thomas. Mr. Roebuck also supervised and managed significant improvements to housing communities in both districts, including Barracks Yard, Estate Ross-Taarenberg, Demarara-Honduras, Altona, Lagoon Street, Estate Profit, Mon Bijou, Water Gut and Bordeaux, Government House said.

During his tenure in the Legislature, Mr. Roebuck served as Senate President in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 15th Legislatures. He also served as chief of staff under Governor Juan F. Luis and served as a policy advisor in the cabinet of Governor Roy Lester Schneider, according to Government House.

Mr. Roebuck also served as a culture-bearer in keeping the heritage alive through his role telling Bru Nansi and other West Indian folk stories that had been passed down by his grandmother Henrietta Abbott to children in the territory.

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