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The Virgin Islands Board of Education Commemorates Birthdate of John H. Woodson

The 18th Virgin Islands Board of Education wishes to commemorate the birthdate of one of the icons of Virgin Islands Education, Mr. John H. Woodson. The Board believes it is important that to recognize and commemorate those persons who have shaped the educational process in the Virgin Islands. Often, generations of our children pass through these public schools and have no idea who the buildings were named after or why. The Board is attempting to provide a sense of history and assure our children that affording them a quality education was a conscious decision that was made many years before they were born.

Mr. John H. Woodson was born in Brooklyn New York on September 7, 1923 and relocated to the Virgin Islands in 1933. He attended the Christiansted High School until the eleventh grade and transferred to Franklin K. Lane High School in New York to complete his senior year. After graduation, Mr. Woodson was drafted into the Armed Forces where he was sent overseas to England. He served in several war campaigns and received awards for outstanding service, was a recipient of the American Service Medal, received a Presidential Citation from President Roosevelt, and the St. Croix de Guerre from President Charles de Gaulle.

Following the war, Mr. Woodson returned to St. Croix. He had a long career spanning almost thirty (30) years of working with the Government of the Virgin Islands, the greater part of which was spent with the VI Department of Education. As a science teacher, he was a pioneer of science fairs in the school system and was well known for arranging the National Aeronautics and Space Administration exhibits on both islands.

The members of the 18th Virgin Islands Board of Education, stand on the shoulders of this icon of education and feel that he is due the recognition, and to be commemorated in the month of his birth. The Board asks that the public join us in remembering his contributions and honoring his memory.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Virgin Islands Board of Education is committed to its vision and will promote the transformation of the structure of existing public education through: 1. governance over the public education system; 2. improved student, parent, teacher relationship; 3. comprehensive community engagement; 4. standards that promote high academic achievement; 5. creation of an environment that is conducive to effective communication; 6. enhanced quality of professional development for all; 7. provision of adequate resources to achieve our vision, goals and objectives.

VISION STATEMENT

To ensure that each child is provided with the best quality education which promotes our history and culture, guarantees academic achievement and builds strong communities.