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SEN. JOSEPH EXTENDS CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FORMER SEN. GEORGE E. GOODWIN

ST. THOMAS, USVI – Senator Carla Joseph released the following statement on the passing of Former Senator George E. Goodwin.

"On behalf of my family and staff, it is with deep respect that I offer my sincere condolences to the family, friends, the Virgin Islands Community, and the wider Caribbean Region on the passing of former Senator George E. Goodwin.

Senator Goodwin was my mentor, a man for all people, and he will be truly missed.

Commitment, Dedication, and Unity were part of Goodwin's campaign slogan, accurately describing the former senator. He was a pillar and stalwart of the VI Democratic Party and dynamic political strategist.

Senator Goodwin championed social justice for all in the Virgin Islands. His work for social justice did not begin when he served as senator. It started before his career in public service as a humble, caring, and compassionate citizen who wanted the best for his fellow citizens in the territory.

Senator Goodwin was a businessman who gave unselfishly and a public servant who believed in servant leadership.

He was instrumental in several landmark accomplishments for the Virgin Islands, including his role in petitioning the right for public education in the landmark case which secured access to public education for the children of migrant workers in the Virgin Islands.

Senator Goodwin was also instrumental in negotiating the purchase of the West Indian Company Limited from Denmark, and legislation that made the University of the Virgin Islands the go-to source for research for the VI Government.

He was among the first to promote Sports Tourism through Cricket with regional sporting engagements. Earlier this year, legislation I sponsored to honor this Caribbean Giant for his outstanding contributions is now law. The cricket field in Estate Nazareth is now the George E. Goodwin Cricket Field. He also received the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor for his tremendous contributions to our territory.

I consider myself blessed to have known, worked with, and been mentored by such a great man. He was a strong family and God-fearing man. Thank you, George, for your service, love, and compassion! May you rest in eternal peace."

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