

RESOLUTION NO. 1822

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A Resolution honoring and commending Timothy Theodore Duncan for his accomplishments in his professional basketball career and his philanthropy and contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands

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WHEREAS, Timothy Theodore Duncan was born on the island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands on April 25, 1976 to the late William and Delysia Duncan, the youngest of three children; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan attended the Freewill Baptist School, the St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated from the St. Dunstan's Episcopal School on St. Croix in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan spent his early athletic years swimming and was the top U.S. competitor in his age group in the 400-meter freestyle; and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Hugo destroyed his team's swimming pool in 1989, Timothy Duncan stopped swimming and during his freshman year of high school began playing basketball; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1993, Timothy Duncan enrolled at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and while earning a degree in psychology was named an All-American. In his junior year, and in his senior year of 1996-97 was again named an All-American as well as the NCAA Player of the Year, and was drafted as the number 1 overall pick by the San Antonio Spurs in the spring of 1997, and soon after led the San Antonio Spurs team to its first NBA championship during the 1998-1999 season; and subsequent championships during the 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2014 seasons; and

WHEREAS, hailed as one of the best power forwards in the history of the National Basketball Association (NBA), Timothy Duncan, is a living legend, having been named:

- (a) NBA 1997-1998 Rookie of the Year;
- (b) All-Rookie 1st Team in 1998;

- (c) All-Star Most Valuable Player 2000 and has participated in 15 NBA All-Star Games;
- (d) Most Valuable Player of the NBA in 2002, and 2003;
- (e) NBA Finals Most Valuable Player in 1999, 2003, and 2005;
- (f) All-Defensive 1st Team in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2008;
- (g) All-Defensive 2nd Team in 1998, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013, and 2015;
- (h) All-NBA 1st Team in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2013;
- (i) All-NBA 2nd Team in 2006, 2008, and 2009; and
- (j) All-NBA 3rd Team in 2010 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan has participated in 15 NBA All-Star Games

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan on May 31, 2012, during the third game of the Western Conference Finals set a record for the most career blocks in playoffs history, surpassing the record of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan is the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in the San Antonio Spurs Organization's history; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan was a member of the 1999 and 2003 USA Men's Basketball Team that won the gold medal; at the FIBA Americas Championship in San Juan, Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan was a member of the 2004 USA Men's Basketball Team that won the bronze medal in the 2004 Olympics held in Athens, Greece; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Theodore Duncan was voted the Twyman-Stokes Teammate of the Year Award in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Theodore Duncan's accomplishments have been officially acknowledged in the Virgin Islands by way of Act 6112 naming the St. Croix Educational Complex gymnasium "Timothy Theodore Duncan Basketball Arena" in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding performances on the Wake Forest University Basketball Team and by way of Act 6230 declaring April 25th as "Timothy Theodore Duncan Day"; and

WHEREAS, in his private life, Timothy Duncan is known for his quiet and unassuming ways, as well as his active philanthropy through the Tim Duncan Foundation he created to raise general health awareness and fund education and youth sports in various parts of the United States, including the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan has been an active philanthropist in South Texas, North Carolina, and here, in the Virgin Islands where through his foundation, he purchased and installed the first wooden- basketball court in St. Croix, provided grants to purchase hospital equipment, reestablished the St. Croix Chapter of the American Red Cross, provided financial assistance in

restoring hurricane-damaged communities in St. Croix, conducted basketball clinics and camps for Virgin Islands youths, contributed equipment to Virgin Islands sports organizations and made numerous other contributions to numerous charitable causes in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Duncan, on and off the court, continues to be an ambassador of goodwill to the people of the Virgin Islands and a positive and inspiring role model for young people of the Territory and of the nation; and

WHEREAS, it is the collective sense of the members of the Thirty-first Legislature, that it is only befitting that the members of the Legislature should express their appreciation of Mr. Timothy Theodore Duncan's accomplishments and their gratitude for his many contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands; Now, Therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, commends Mr. Timothy Theodore Duncan for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of professional and international basketball, and extends heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his philanthropy and many contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands.

SECTION 2. The President of the Legislature or the President's designee shall prepare and present a perma plaque copy of this Resolution to Mr. Timothy Theodore Duncan at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on September 23, 2015

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 29th Day of September, A.D., 2015.



Neville James
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President

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Legislative Secretary