

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8121

To designate the Christiansted Bandstand at the Christiansted National Historic Site, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as the “Peter G. Thurland, Sr., Bandstand”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2026

Ms. PLASKETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) Peter Gregory Thurland, Sr.—

6 (A) was born on February 19, 1892, in the
7 town of Christiansted on the island of St. Croix
8 in the Virgin Islands;

1 (B) excelled in playing the trombone and
2 baritone horn and dedicated his life to attaining
3 excellence in music;

4 (C) shortly after the transfer of the Virgin
5 Islands from Denmark to the United States,
6 joined the United States Navy on June 12,
7 1917, and served as a member of the Navy
8 Band;

9 (D) worked on the construction and design
10 of the Christiansted Bandstand, where he
11 played with the Christiansted Naval Band at
12 their monthly concerts until he was honorably
13 discharged in September 1921;

14 (E) is renowned in his native Virgin Is-
15 lands as a master craftsman and a skillful cabi-
16 netmaker;

17 (F) founded the St. Croix Community
18 Band in 1938 and trained many young musi-
19 cians who performed free at monthly concerts
20 at the Christiansted Bandstand; and

21 (G) conducted the St. Croix Community
22 Band until his retirement for health reasons in
23 1968, at which time he turned over the leader-
24 ship position of the band to his son; and

1 (2) it is a fitting tribute to his leadership, cour-
2 age, and contributions to the community of St. Croix
3 to designate the Christiansted Bandstand in honor
4 and memory of Peter G. Thurland, Sr.

5 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

6 The bandstand commonly referred to as the “Chris-
7 tiansted Bandstand”, located at the Christiansted Na-
8 tional Historic Site, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, is des-
9 ignated as the “Peter G. Thurland, Sr., Bandstand”.

10 **SEC. 3. LEGAL REFERENCES.**

11 Any reference in any law, regulation, document,
12 record, map, or other paper of the United States to the
13 bandstand referred to in section 2 is deemed to be a ref-
14 erence to the “Peter G. Thurland, Sr., Bandstand”.

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