

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Howard Worth Smith, Jr., was first elected in 1939, by members of the Alexandria Library Company to serve on the Alexandria Library Board; and

WHEREAS, including an obligatory military hiatus, during and immediately following World War II, he served for 63 years until his retirement on September 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Howard Worth Smith, Jr., served as Chairman of the Alexandria Library Board for 13 years from 1989 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, during his term of service, the Alexandria Library grew from the small collection of 5,500 books, turned over to the City by the Alexandria Library Company, to the current collection of more than 509,000 books, magazines, videos, CDs, DVDs and a multitude of databases; and

WHEREAS, during his term of service, the Alexandria Library's budget grew from \$5,000 to \$5.4 million and the number of library cardholders grew from 3,800 to more than 120,000 who borrowed, during his final year of service, a million items; and

WHEREAS, during his term of service, the Alexandria Library facilities expanded from the small Kate Waller Barrett Branch, thrice renovated, to three full service branches and the magnificent new 60,000-square-foot Michael Graves designed Charles E. Beatley Central Library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria now enjoys some of the finest library services in the country because of a dedicated Library Board headed by Howard Worth Smith, Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and all citizens of Alexandria, do hereby express gratitude and appreciation to Howard Worth Smith, Jr., for his 63 years of service to the community on the Alexandria Library Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 23rd day of October 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk