

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the Washington Post established the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award in 1986 to recognize school principals as vital members of the educational system; and*

*WHEREAS, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School is over 60 years old and is now the 4<sup>th</sup> largest elementary school in Alexandria, with more than 550 students; and*

*WHEREAS, Debbie Thompson has been an educator for more than 30 years, having spent 28 years at MacArthur as a teacher, team leader, faculty chair, and 11 years as principal; and*

*WHEREAS, Debbie was MacArthur's principal when it was one of the first schools in Alexandria in 2000 to receive full accreditation and has continued to receive full accreditation every year since then; and*

*WHEREAS, Debbie has been a mentor to a new generation of educators and counts 3 former students as members of the MacArthur faculty; and*

*WHEREAS, Debbie is one of only 17 educators in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area selected this year by the Washington Post to receive a Distinguished Educational Leadership Award to recognize her as a strong leader, effective administrator, and a committed educator;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and proclaim Debbie Thompson a shining example for principals everywhere.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.*

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE** MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk