

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2005, an employee of Goodwin House Alexandria attacked staff and residents of that facility with a knife in an unprovoked and violent outburst; and

WHEREAS, John Springer, who was visiting his 95-year old mother, went to the aid of a female employee while she was being attacked thereby sustaining stabbing injuries himself which required 40 stitches; and

WHEREAS, the brave actions of John Springer and other visitors and employees were critical in disarming and detaining the employee; and

WHEREAS, the staff at Goodwin House Alexandria quickly responded in assisting the residents to safe locations, calling for emergency assistance, and immediately communicating with residents, family members, and the community in a caring and forthright manner;

NOW THEREFORE, I WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby commend for their heroic response John Springer, the other visitors and employees who assisted in subduing the assailant, the staff of the Goodwin House Alexandria who were involved in the tragic event, and those who have worked since to help heal the physical and emotional wounds and to rebuild the confidence of the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of March 2005.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk