

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Joyce Woodson first was elected to serve a three-year term on City Council in May 2000 and was reelected to a second three-year term in May 2003; and

WHEREAS, when Councilwoman Woodson was elected to Council, she became the first African American woman elected to the Alexandria City Council in its 250 year history; and

WHEREAS, while serving on City Council Councilwoman Woodson represented the City on Alexandria committees and boards, including: the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors, City Council's Legislative Sub Committee; the Alexandria Information Technology Committee; the Affordable Housing Task Force; the Alexandria Task Force to Review Taxicab Issues; the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission; the Alexandria Library Board; and the City Council Naming Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Woodson participated in regional and national organizations serving as a member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Metropolitan Development Committee and Finance Committee; the National League of Cities Finance Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Committees; and the National Congress of Black Women; and

WHEREAS, she was an active participant in the Virginia Municipal League Transportation Policy Committee and its Finance Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving on City Council, Councilwoman Woodson served as an Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority Commissioner; Chairman of the Board of Project Discovery; and member of the executive boards of the Coalition for Fairness in Education, the Alexandria Chapter of the NAACP and Community Lodgings, and member of the Fair Housing Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Woodson has been an advocate of building communities by focusing on people, and developing and expanding educational programs and community service opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Woodson has been in the forefront of the effort to seek affordable housing and equal opportunity for those in need in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, she was a leader in the effort to create the Alexandria Housing Opportunity Program (AHOP) and the City Council's set aside of 1 cent of the real estate tax rate for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, she was the initiator and the force behind the establishment of the very successful Alexandria Citizens Academy; and

WHEREAS, this fall Councilwoman Woodson is initiating a new democracy project for Alexandria: the Parent Leadership Training Institute - a collaborative effort between the Connecticut Commission on Children, Hopkins House and the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council wishes to recognize Councilwoman Woodson for her service to the City, the region and the State and to acknowledge her work on behalf of less fortunate Alexandrians;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alexandria City Council and the City Manager hereby recognize the:

"HONORABLE COUNCILWOMAN JOYCE WOODSON"

for her strong commitment to the betterment of Alexandria, and expresses its appreciation to Councilwoman Woodson for her outstanding service to the City of Alexandria and our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27th day of June 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk