

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Young Virginian Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Virginia Jaycees in recognition of the achievements of individuals that best exemplify the last line of the Jaycee creed—"Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life!"; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Young Virginian Awards Banquet was held on November 13, 2010 in Harrisonburg, Virginia in conjunction with the Virginia Jaycees Annual Conference, and LCDR Michael Files, in consideration of his overall service to humanity, including volunteerism, philanthropy and military service, received this year's designation as Outstanding Young Virginian from the Virginia Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, LCDR Files was is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, having started his naval career thereafter at sea as the Machinery Division Officer and Repair Division Officer onboard the USS GERMANTOWN and USS HARPERS FERRY, thereafter serving as Assistant Protocol Officer and Guam Liaison Officer to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas in Guam, then going on to serve as Surface Operations Officer for Mine Countermeasure Squadron THREE in Ingleside, Texas and Bahrain and then as the Enlisted and Officer Programs Officer for the Navy Recruiting District in New York and Head, Military Resources Management at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific, including an 8-month stint as a United Nations Military Observer in support of the United Nations Mission to Ethiopia and Eritrea; and

WHEREAS, today LCDR Files serves as Special Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education at the Naval Annex in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Special Assistant, LCDR Files established and serves as the Action Officer for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) African American Employee Resource Group, the first of its kind in the U.S. Navy, and the African American ERG assists the Chief of Naval Personnel in attracting, recruiting, developing, promoting, and retaining African American employees within the Navy Total Force organization and within a year of being chartered, the number of command senior minority leaders increased by 300%; and

WHEREAS, LCDR Files received the highest rank given by the Boy Scouts of America, Scout, and he remains actively engaged with the organization today, serving as a volunteer since 1986, serving as an International Committee Member and awarding scholarships annually since 2003 through the A Brighter Future Foundation, which he founded and chairs; and

WHEREAS, LCDR Files has been a Master Mason since 2000, is a member of the Alexandria Human Rights Commission, is actively engaged in numerous community and civic groups, including Life Membership in the NAACP, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Northern Virginia Urban League, Alexandria Jaycees Vice President, and the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, LCDR Files, in association with his role as a member of the Xi Alpha Lambda Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation Committee, led fundraising efforts that yielded over \$100,000 in support of the national Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, one of many true credits to his philanthropic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the aforementioned and numerous other accolades and testaments to extraordinary public service, the Virginia Jaycees appropriately awarded LCDR Michael Files the 2010 Outstanding Young Virginian Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby thank:

"LCDR FILES"

for his outstanding public service to all mankind in his public and professional endeavor and the Alexandria City Council commends LCDR Files for his designation as 2010 Virginia Jaycees Outstanding Young Virginian.

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 November 2010.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk