

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alexandria is "The Fun Side of the Potomac" and attracts nearly two million visitors a year; and

WHEREAS, a visitor's first impression of Alexandria is often made at the historic Ramsay House Visitors Center under the direction of the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association; and

WHEREAS, the staff at the Ramsay House are Alexandria's frontline ambassadors to greet our visitors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elton "Ellie" Randell, a native of Alexandria and 82 years young, has been greeting and serving tourists at Ramsay House for the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsay House is open to serve the visiting public 362 days a year; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Randell has been available to work every holiday or special event weekend during the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Randell exemplifies the best of Alexandria through her warm sincerity and knowledge of the City's history, written or unwritten; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tourism Corporation has named Ellie Randell "Tourist Promotion Organization Employee of the Year for 2002";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and honor:

"MRS. ELTON 'ELLIE' RANDELL"

for her outstanding service to the City of Alexandria and to the many thousands of visitors she has greeted and served over the past 12 years as a member of the staff of the Ramsay House Visitors Center.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of June 2002.

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

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk