WHEREAS, Alexandria Technology Achievement Week, March 20-24, is a showcase for Alexandria's expanding technology sector, including nearly 350 technology firms that employ more than 12,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has joined with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc. to sponsor the 10th Annual Alexandria Technology Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, the five finalists for the 2006 Alexandria Technology Achievement Award as selected by a panel of distinguished judges are:

COMMONWEALTH ACADEMY, for using advanced technology tools throughout a challenging college preparatory curriculum to facilitate learning at or above grade level for average to bright students with ADHD, ADD, LD and other specific learning differences in grades 8-12. Interactive software is utilized in the curriculum to enable students to learn and demonstrate their mastery using tools most appropriate for their particular learning styles.

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC., for providing transmission and telecommunications support in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Under the Puerto Rico Area Wideband System II contract, or PRAWS II, the company will support operations and provide maintenance support for microwave and terrestrial communications networks that connect various government locations with the Caribbean Basin region.

G2TACTICS, INC., for building the first mobile license plate detector that operates on the move, reads license plates in real time, is portable and can be tied to the FBI stolen vehicle, stolen license plate and felony vehicle databases. Law enforcement agencies using the detector can identify vehicles of interest, including stolen and AMBER alert vehicles, as well as terrorist watch-list vehicles.

H2GEN INNOVATIONS, INC., for developing, manufacturing and marketing low-cost on-site hydrogen generators for industrial applications and for the emerging fuel cell vehicle and distributed power generation markets. The proprietary packaged hydrogen generator modules produce pure hydrogen from natural gas. The system operates automatically and is fitted with a remote monitoring system.

TRANTECH, INC., for developing and implementing a digital asset management system for law enforcement agencies that captures interrogation video and audio from a variety of sources and stores these assets in a manner providing collar-to-conviction security, multiple uses and significant cost savings.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to recognize the importance of our technology sector to the City, its economic health, and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim this week to be:

"ALEXANDRIA TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT WEEK"


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 14th day of March 2006.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC  City Clerk