PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Captain Rocky Versace was a United States Army Officer who was awarded the United States highest military decoration – the Medal of Honor – for his heroic actions while a Prisoner of War during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Rocky Versace was formed in February 1999 with six original members: Mike Faber, John Gurr, Mike Kentes, Tony Heisley, Joe Flynn and Phil Faber, and Duane Frederic, Kevin Rue, Gary Smith and Willis McCloud joined the Friends of Rocky Versace later; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Friends of Rocky Versace have worked hard to raise money for the Versace Plaza and Memorial; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2002, Alexandria dedicated and unveiled the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rocky Versace Plaza honors the service and supreme sacrifice of the 67 men from Alexandria who died in Vietnam and the surrounding area during the war or remain Missing in Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize the Friends of Rocky Versace and all Veterans as we approach Memorial weekend and ask all Alexandrians to pause and remember our Veterans of Wars.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22nd day of May, 2012.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk