

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as of June 1, 2012, James C. Rees, IV has retired as president and chief executive officer of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the group that owns and operates the home of George Washington, Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, James C. Rees, IV is an exemplary citizen who served as director of development and associate director at the Mount Vernon Estate from 1983 until his appointment as president in 1994; and

WHEREAS, because of his bold vision for the future of Mount Vernon, James C. Rees, IV has led the Estate through projects such as restoring and reconstructing George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill, creating a four-acre farm exhibition area, continuing the preservation of Washington's viewshed, developing the 66,700 square-foot Ford Orientation and Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center buildings in 2006, and overseeing countless other important restorations to the 500-acre Estate; and

WHEREAS, as president, James C. Rees IV has successfully overseen the raising of more than a quarter billion dollars for projects designed to heighten George Washington's greatly deserved very prominent place in the national consciousness and increasing Mount Vernon's endowment from \$4 million to \$125 million; and

WHEREAS, the importance of George Washington to the City of Alexandria, the State of Virginia and the United States of America is inestimable.

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

"JAMES C. REES, IV"

for his successful 29-year tenure as president of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and for his leadership in support of the legacy of George Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of June, 2012.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk