

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, DeForest "Dee" Talbert was born, raised and educated in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, DeForest Talbert attended George Mason Elementary School, George Washington Middle School, Minnie Howard School and T.C. Williams High School; and

WHEREAS, DeForest Talbert excelled in sports and ultimately became known as "Touchdown Talbert" for his exploits on the field as a T.C. Williams' Titan; and

WHEREAS, DeForest Talbert cared for his community and served as a valuable mentor and role model to local youths; and

WHEREAS, DeForest Talbert proudly served his country as a member of the military rising to the rank of Sergeant and through his contributions joins the honored list of our nation's brave soldiers who have been instrumental in protecting our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2004, DeForest Talbert made the ultimate sacrifice becoming the first Alexandrian to die on the field of battle in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, DeForest Talbert received numerous military honors for his leadership and bravery including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep and profound respect, that the City of Alexandria recognizes DeForest "Dee" Talbert – our hometown hero – along with his family, and express our heartfelt appreciation for the sacrifices made by Dee Talbert on behalf of Alexandrians and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, in the memory of Dee Talbert, the City of Alexandria renews its commitment to upholding the democratic ideals he fought and died to preserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby honor DeForest Talbert for the sacrifice he made for our Country.

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 September 2004.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk