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Mayor and Council:

The proclamation recognizing Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
Principal Debbie Thompson will be deferred because Ms. Thompson is ill.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Washington Post established the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award in 1986 to recognize school principals as vital members of the educational system; and

WHEREAS, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School is over 60 years old and is now the 4th largest elementary school in Alexandria, with more than 550 students; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Thompson has been an educator for more than 30 years, having spent 28 years at MacArthur as a teacher, team leader, faculty chair, and 11 years as principal; and

WHEREAS, Debbie was MacArthur's principal when it was one of the first schools in Alexandria in 2000 to receive full accreditation and has continued to receive full accreditation every year since then; and

WHEREAS, Debbie has been a mentor to a new generation of educators and counts 3 former students as members of the MacArthur faculty; and

WHEREAS, Debbie is one of only 17 educators in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area selected this year by the Washington Post to receive a Distinguished Educational Leadership Award to recognize her as a strong leader, effective administrator, and a committed educator;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and proclaim Debbie Thompson a shining example for principals everywhere.

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 December 2004.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk