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5-13-08**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Alexandria City Public Schools, business leaders and the community celebrates educational excellence for the contributions of Alexandria's outstanding teachers; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria City Public Schools strive to effectively educate scholars to succeed in a changing world and students are meeting and exceeding standards that are higher than ever before; and

WHEREAS, National Teachers Day was established in 1944 by the 81st Congress under the leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt and the National Education Association that later endorsed the month of May as Teacher Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS, the national theme "Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools" draws attention to the crucial roles teachers play in making sure every child receives a quality education and conveys the hard work they do to make the schools great for every child; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Education Partnership, established in 1999, with the mission to serve the needs of Alexandria's youth through funding, advocacy, and career preparation, provide a critical link between businesses, the community, the City government, and the schools; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories, so remember to thank a teacher; and

WHEREAS, this wonderful event would not be possible without the dedication and support of many generous sponsors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2008 as:

"CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION DAY"

and urge that we observe this day by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the teachers in our lives, and all citizens of Alexandria are encouraged to celebrate education in the City of Alexandria during the month of May.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of May 2008.

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk