PROCLAMATION

5-10-1

EXHIBIT NO.

WHEREAS, Senator Patricia S. Ticer, a long-time resident of the City of Alexandria, has announced her retirement from her position as State Senator and from an outstanding career of public service; and

WHEREAS, Patsy, as she is known to all, is a long-time City resident and a graduate of the City's George Washington High School and of Sweet Briar College; and

WHEREAS, for many years prior to holding elective office, Patsy served her community as a member or officer of a number of educational, civic, and religious organizations, including the boards of four Alexandria PTA's; President of TWIG, the Alexandria Hospital Women's Auxiliary; Treasurer of Residential Youth Services; and as a member of the vestry and as Senior Warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Patsy first ran for, and won, election to Alexandria City Council in 1982, and served continuously on Council until her election as State Senator in 1995, and during her time on Council, she was elected Vice Mayor and, in 1991, Mayor—the first and only woman in the City of Alexandria to hold that office; and

WHEREAS, while on Council, Patsy served on many regional bodies, among them the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), COG's Transportation Planning Board, COG's Task Force on Growth and Transportation, and COG's Committee on Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Airports, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, and the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Mayor, she became known far and wide for leading the City's opposition to Jack Kent Cooke's plans to build a new Redskins football stadium at Potomac Yard on the land the City had zoned for mixed commercial and residential use; and

WHEREAS, Patsy had many other accomplishments during her time on City Council, including sponsorship of the first extensive revision of the City's Master Plan and establishment of an Alexandria Office of Early Childhood Programs for at-risk children; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Patsy was elected to the Senate of Virginia, an office to which she was re-elected in 1999, 2003, and 2007, and during her years in the Senate, Patsy served on a number of committees, including Transportation, Local Government, Rehabilitation and Social Services, Rules, and Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources, which she chairs; and

WHEREAS, Patsy has been an ardent supporter of local government and has been especially supportive of legislation to protect the environment and to safeguard Virginia's families and children, especially those who are vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alexandria and the residents of the Commonwealth have benefitted greatly from Patsy's years of public service, and the Alexandria City Council wishes to recognize Senator Patricia S. Ticer for her long service to Alexandria and Virginia.

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

"SENATOR PATRICIA S. TICER"

for her many years of civic service, and express the City Council's appreciation to Senator Ticer for her outstanding service to the residents of the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10th day of May 2011.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk