

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Patricia Keyser Smith was born in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 1935, and grew up in Alexandria. She graduated in 1951 from George Washington High School and in 1955 from Sweet Briar College, an all-women's college in Virginia, with a bachelor's degree in Government; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, she married John "Jack" Tennesson Ticer, and from that union came four children, John T. Ticer, Jr., Margaret T. Janowsky, Catherine G. Ticer, and Virginia T. Baechler; and

WHEREAS, Patricia "Patsy" S. Ticer first ran for, and won, election to the Alexandria City Council in 1982, and during her time on Council, she was elected Vice Mayor. In 1991, she was elected Mayor — the first woman in the history of the City of Alexandria to hold that office. She was re-elected to a second term as Mayor and served in that office until 1995 when she was elected to the Senate of Virginia; 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), for which she also served as Chair; COG's Transportation Planning Board; COG's Task Force on Growth and Transportation; COG's Committee on Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Airports; as Chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; and as Chair of the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Mayor, Patsy 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 and as Mayor, 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 chaired; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the Senate of Virginia, Patsy also served as a longtime Commissioner of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, a national organization; and as President of the National Association of Regional Councils; 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, Patsy retired from the Senate of Virginia in 2011 and continued her service to the City of Alexandria and Virginia by serving on the boards of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust and Wright to Read. Patsy was also a founding member of At Home in Alexandria, a nonprofit organization that provides practical, social and emotional support to our Alexandria neighbors ages 55 and older; and

WHEREAS, Patsy was actively involved in obtaining the funds to purchase the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House and adding it to the historical assets for the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Patricia S. Ticer passed away on August 7, 2017, at the age of 82, surrounded by her loving family; 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 the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and honor:

“SENATOR PATRICIA S. TICER”

for her many years of civic service, and express the City Council's appreciation to Senator Ticer and her family 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 9^h day of January, 2018.

MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk