

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Youth Sports are an important vehicle for building teamwork, character, good health and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities has been a charter member of the Mid-Atlantic Recreation, Parks' Sports Alliance since 2002, a consortium of Recreation and Parks Departments, organizations representing sports officials, and sport governing bodies in the Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. area; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alliance is to develop and communicate a consistent message that organizations and their players, coaches and spectators will be held accountable to a code of conduct that promotes GoodSports and keeps recreational competitive and non-competitive sporting activities in proper perspective; and

WHEREAS, each year, the MARPSA GoodSports Award program provides an opportunity for member agencies to recognize both young athletes and coaches who have modeled GoodSports behaviors in local athletics; and

WHEREAS, Alex Duke, is honored as the 2010 City of Alexandria's Goodsports Athlete of the Year for his quiet leadership, positive attitude, respect for others, and good overall sportsmanship in football, basketball and baseball; and

WHEREAS, the Walter Coleman, Jr. is honored as the 2010 City of Alexandria's Goodsports Coach of the Year for his demonstration of high integrity, ability and contributions in promoting positive sportsmanship to Alexandria youth in football and basketball; and

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 salute the efforts of:

"ALEX AND COACH COLEMAN,"

and extend our best wishes to you.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 18th day of March 2010.



WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

