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HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL LANZILOTTA. US NAVY, COMMANDING OFFICER, USS ARLINGTON (LPD-24)

WHEREAS, Captain Paul Lanzilotta assumed command of this County's namesake ship, the USS Arlington, on February 14, 2019, and will be relieved on May 22, 2020, and he has discharged his duties as the Commanding Officer of the USS Arlington with distinction, exemplifying the ship's motto: "Strength, Honor and Fortitude"; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lanzilotta successfully guided the USS Arlington during an arduous Fifth Fleet and Sixth Fleet deployment in which he oversaw the safe execution of 1500 flight deck evolutions, numerous calls in foreign ports, 20 underway replenishments, eight strait transits, and several restricted waters transits; often while underway in company of other vessels of the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Captain Lanzilotta, the officers and crew of the USS Arlington demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and esprit de corps during Exercise Alexander the Great, Operation Zircon Storm, Operation Odyssey Resolve, and Operation Ancient Aviator, while often overcoming the many challenges in these operations; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lanzilotta has maintained strong ties between the USS Arlington and the residents of its namesake Arlington County by hosting ship visits, conducting school visits to educate students on the role of the United States Navy, hosting representatives and community leaders, and sending crew members to support the Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff 9/11 Memorial 5K, which honors victims of the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, this fine ship, under Captain Lanzilotta's command and operated by his exceptional crew of officers, men and women, and carrying the finest Marines of any country, carried the name of our Arlington County around the world with professionalism and distinction;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby express our highest commendation to you, Captain Lanzilotta, for a job exceedingly well done, and our unending gratitude to your crew and their families for their service and sacrifices on the Nation's behalf, wishes for every success in your continuing service in the United States Navy to our nation, and in the fine tradition of sailors, "*Fair winds and following seas.*"

Libby Garvey
Chair