

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

CHARLES S. "CHARLIE" CLARK

WHEREAS, Charles "Charlie" Stuart Clark dedicated his life to chronicling the history and story of his hometown, Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Clark published three books on Arlington County history and a biography of Arlington House's first resident, George Washington Parke Custis, each documenting important pieces of the County's legacy; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Clark authored a weekly column in the *Falls Church News-Press*, "Our Man in Arlington" for over a decade, highlighting local stories and events through a nuanced and attentive perspective; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Clark exemplified the high standards of journalistic ethics and shared information with fairness towards his interview subjects and a focus on providing trustworthy news to his readers; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Clark, a native Arlingtonian, started his journalism career on *The Sentry*, the student newspaper of Yorktown High School, and went on to work for *The Washington Post*, *Congressional Quarterly*, *National Journal*, and Atlantic Media throughout an illustrious 50-year career; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Clark served on the board of the Arlington Historical Society and was an active volunteer serving to better Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Clark was a figure woven into the fabric of the Arlington community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, do hereby proclaim December 19, 2023, as a day to honor

CHARLES S. "CHARLIE" CLARK

for his extraordinary dedication to the legacy of Arlington County and the region, to express our gratitude for his literary and journalistic contributions, and to extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.



Christian Dorsey
Chair