



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AIR MEDAL  
(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A SECOND)**

**TO**

**COMMANDER JAMES NEWTON SCHRADER  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Commander SCHRADER is cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on 8 and 9 February 1954, as pilot of a Coast Guard plane engaged in the search for a small motorboat, with two boys aboard, in Tampa Bay, Florida. Acting as Officer-in-Tactical-Command of rescue forces at the scene, Commander SCHRADER coordinated the night searching activities and provided illumination by dropping flares. After many hours the boat was finally located and, when attempts at evacuation by crash boats and helicopter failed, Commander SCHRADER unhesitatingly made a difficult and hazardous landing in an area of dangerous shoal water. Aided by flares and directions from the helicopter, he taxied around the sand bars and shoals and, under conditions of high winds and seas, took aboard the one survivor. Displaying expert airmanship, Commander SCHRADER made a successful take-off in the early morning darkness and landed the survivor at an airfield for transportation to a hospital. Commander SCHRADER demonstrated outstanding skill, courage and determination during this rescue mission, and his unwavering devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.