



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TO

**LIEUTENANT ROBERT R. WORKMAN
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the night of January 27, 1967 as aircraft commander of a Coast Guard helicopter, engaged in the perilous rescue of four adults and two children from the vessel *Cecil Anne* which was sinking 120 miles northeast of St. Petersburg, Florida. Lieutenant WORKMAN proceeded without fixed wing escort and made a night instrument "*Beep to Hover*" maneuver while hampered by darkness and obstructions from a 24 foot antenna and a 12 foot jack staff. Despite the vessel yawing as much as 60 degrees and the stern submerged, he skillfully maneuvered the helicopter crosswind to hoist the six persons, one with a broken leg, from the bow of the boat. Due to the total weight on board the last hoist required 100% power plus forward motion to remain airborne. Lieutenant WORKMAN displayed expert airmanship and dauntless valor throughout this perilous rescue mission. His skill, courage, sound judgment and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.