THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

COAST GUARD MEDAL

TO
MORGAN B. DUDLEY
BOATSWAIN'S MATE FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
FOR

HEROISM ON 22 JULY 1993

GIVEN THIS 26th DAY OF August 19 94

Robert E. Kramek

ROBERT E. KRAMEK
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

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Petty Officer DUDLEY is cited for heroism on 22 July 1993 while serving as Number One Nozzelman onboard USCGC KODIAK ISLAND. While transiting the Gulf of Mexico, KODIAK ISLAND experience a major engine room fire. Petty Officer DUDLEY's efforts were almost certainly the critical element in extinguishing the blaze and saving the ship. He made numerous efforts to secure a runaway main diesel engine that was thwarting efforts to put out the fire, including numerous trips into the burning engine room to try to shut off the engine manually and secure its fuel supply. It was later estimated that Petty Officer DUDLEY was in the burning engine room for at least five to six minutes while diesel continued to run and the engine room continued to burn. When nothing else yielded success, showing total disregard for his personal safety, Petty Officer DUDLEY physically climbed onto the burning engine to reach the kill cable. This single act enabled the crew to put out the fire and save KODIAK ISLAND, and likely everyone else who was onboard. Petty Officer DUDLEY demonstrated remarkable initiative, exceptional fortitude and daring in spite of imminent personal danger in this emergency. His courage and devotion to duty are most heartily commended are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.