**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**

**THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

**(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A SECOND)**

**TO**

**PRISCILLA K. ABRERA**

**FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

**Petty Officer ABRERA is cited for superior performance of duty while serving at Coast Guard Station Crisfield, Maryland from June 2010 to July 2015. Demonstrating superior technical expertise and professionalism, Petty Officer ABRERA supervised the preparation of more than 780 meals, managed an $18,000 annual commissary budget, transmitted over $84,000 to the Coast Guard Finance Center and made over 260 large food service purchases in support of Dining Facility operations. Through calculative menu planning and expert purchase management, Petty Officer ABRERA was instrumental to the morale and welfare of both Station Crisfield and Aids to Navigation Team Crisfield, significantly improving meal quality while averaging 471 meals sold per month. Her exceptional dedication and proficiency during preparation efforts for three Food Service Advisory Team assessments led to flawless evaluations of the Dining Facility and associated operations. Demonstrating her culinary expertise, Petty Officer ABRERA designed and implemented an a la carte menu for evening meals that maximized the use of local resources while improving food options to patrons at a minimal expenditure. Additionally, she showed meticulous planning in presenting gourmet meals for Station Crisfield, Aids to Navigation Team Crisfield and Station Oxford’s Change of Command Ceremonies, serving over 300 guests. She was personally responsible for organizing and scheduling volunteers to assist American Legion Post 16 in resurfacing their floors and effecting minor repairs throughout their facility, saving them more than $1,000 in contractor costs. Petty Officer ABRERA’s diligence, perseverance and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.**

**The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.**