**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**

**THE COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

**TO**

**AUSTIN J. HOLBROOK**

**DAMAGE CONTROLMAN SECOND CLASS**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

**Petty Officer HOLBROOK is cited for superior performance of duty while serving aboard USCGC GEORGE COBB (WLM-564) from June 2019 to June 2022. As a subject matter expert for engineering, damage control, and Aids to Navigation (ATON) performance standards, DC2’s efforts directly contributed to 21 crewmembers obtaining their shipboard qualifications. As the independent duty DC, he completed major welding projects for the cutter, including a crane shack door and two cofferdams, which greatly improved overall material condition. When pin-hole leaks in copper tubing caused air conditioning malfunctions, DC2 conducted 19 brazing repairs on HVAC heat exchangers ensuring full functionality of unit heat pumps. He also improved habitability by retrofitting sinks, faucets, and P traps for all berthing heads. Throughout these projects he mentored DC3 Cuffey from BASE LA/LB which aided in his advancement to DC2. As an instructor for contestants from the television show “Tough as Nails”, he provided training on the proper use of oxy-acetylene torch operations, chain and shackle maintenance, and buoy rigging procedures, ensuring a successful televised competition. As a Buoy Deck Supervisor in-charge of safety and operational procedures for ATON throughout southern California, Petty Officer HOLBROOK was responsible for leading the execution of over 200 buoy deck evolutions. Petty Officer HOLBROOK’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.**