**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF**

**THE COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL**

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

**TO**

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES T. FOGLE**

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

**Lieutenant Commander FOGLE is cited for outstanding achievement while serving as the Chief of Investigations for Coast Guard Sector Baltimore from July 2012 to June 2015. Demonstrating exceptional leadership and professional competence, Lieutenant Commander FOGLE successfully led nine investigating officers in completing over 372 marine casualty investigations requiring in-depth casual analysis while also completing the suspension and revocation of over 160 mariner’s credentials for illegal drug use and misconduct; thus, ensuring safe vessel operations on the nation’s waterways. Lieutenant Commander FOGLE expertly directed the investigation of major marine casualties including the M/V WAWASAN RUBY’S pier allision, which caused over $3 million in damage, and the sinking of the Tug KALEEN MCALLISTER, which resulted in the total constructive loss of the vessel. Ensuring comprehensive investigations were completed; Lieutenant Commander FOGLE’s investigation teams creatively accessed critical data, including the Automated Identification Systems and Voyage Data Records, which led to root causal analysis and recommended preventive measures accepted and implemented by both vessel operators. Lieutenant Commander FOGLE’s expert technical acumen and tireless determination aided in the investigation of two nationally significant high profile investigations into the illegal discharge of oil from foreign cargo vessels. Despite complex attempts by the ship’s crews to manipulate records and alter required piping systems, Lieutenant Commander FOGLE’s superb leadership directed comprehensive investigations, thorough evidence collection, and relentless case prosecution with the Department of Justice leading to multi-million dollar fines for the companies and the incarceration of senior vessel officers; setting a new national precedence for criminal pollution cases. Lieutenant Commander FOGLE’s dedication, judgment, 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.**