COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star Medal 10

Lieutenant (juntor grade) John Forbes KERRY United States Naval Reserve

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

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For the President

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Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON

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For the President,

Secretary of the Navy