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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)
1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 3105
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Admiral Zumwalt

I thank you on behalf of the entire Christchurch School family for your kindness to us. We are most grateful that you would sign the copy of the citation for the Meitorious Unit Commendation for USS SEAHORSE (SSN669). We are in the process of fashioning the display of which is will be an integral part.

When we began the process of evaluating the "fighting" Seahorse for continuation as the School Mascot, I had no idea that there was such a history connected with those two good and fortunate ships. The thought that the mascot would be discarded brought forth an outpouring of opinion favoring retention. It has been a genuine moving experience for me. I have been very gratified by the efforts of all who we have contacted, like you, who have been a part of fashioning the display.

I am very proud indeed of the connection among the School, the Mascot, the boats that have borne that name and of the service of all our alumni not only in the Navy but in all the other services. When the display has been done, we will take pictures and see that one is sent to you. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



David H. Charlton
Headmaster

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