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The Honorable Governor Jeb Bush
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Subject: Letter Of Commendation
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My Dear Governor Bush

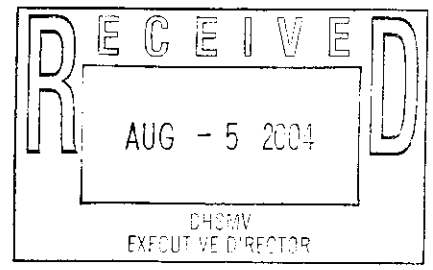
On the evening of Friday July 16, my wife and I were enroute from Panama City to Stuart, Fl. As her father had suffered a heart attack that morning and died. When we arrived at the Stuart Exit on I-95 some eight hours later we were both tired and feeling sad. Just as we were about to exit the ramp we had a flat tire and had to pull the side of the highway. I switched on the emergency blinkers and proceeded to unload the trunk to remove the jack and spare tire. It was getting dark and had just been raining quite hard. Before I even had the spare out Trooper Williams pulled up in back of me and ask if I was OK? Let me tell you this Officer must really be proud of his profession as his uniform was as if he had just finished a Command Inspection, he looked great. I assured him we were fine and that I had control of the situation. Never-the-less I think he was concerned of my age and he politely took charge and had my tire changed in less than 5 minutes.

He gave his condolence concerning the death in the family and wished us a safe trip. I thanked him as best I knew how and told him how much we appreciated his professionalism and kindness. He no sooner pulled away when his blue lights came on again and he crossed the median and sped off in the opposite direction in what I think was a speeding motorist.

Often citizens such as I take our government support personnel for granted and never stop to think what they have to endure. It gives me deep gratification to find men such as Trooper Williams, that risk their lives every day to make it safer for us and our families. From an old retired Navy Diver, Yu-hah Trooper Williams,

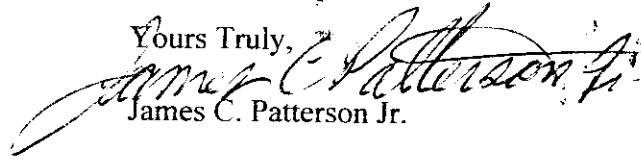
As their Commander-In-Chief Governor Bush you can be proud of those who serve you. And it would please me if somehow you could show these noted men some special recognition:

1. Trooper Richard Williams Jr.
2. Capt Deryl Loar District Commander Ft. Pierce



3. Sgt. Ronald Schuster, Sgt. Ft. Pierce

Thank you very much

Yours Truly,

James C. Patterson Jr.

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