

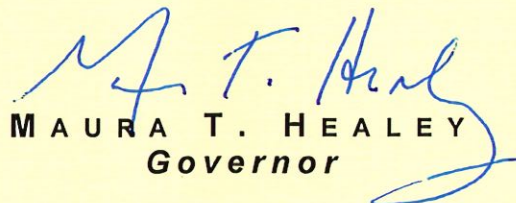
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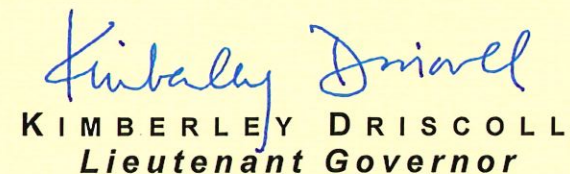


## *Richard A. Stratton*

ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
I AM PLEASED TO CONFER THIS GOVERNOR'S CITATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CAPTAIN  
RICHARD A. STRATTON, UNITED STATES NAVY, RET. WE COMMEND HIM FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE  
MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD AND LATER UNITED STATES NAVY WHERE HE DEPLOYED TO SOUTHEAST  
ASIA DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. ON JANUARY 5, 1967, CAPTAIN STRATTON WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE AND SPENT  
2,251 DAYS AS A PRISONER OF WAR. CAPTAIN STRATTON WAS RELEASED DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING ON  
MARCH 4, 1973. HE WAS AWARDED THE SILVER STAR FOR VALOR, PURPLE HEART, AND P.O.W. MEDAL AMONG  
MANY OTHER MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS. THE COMMONWEALTH WILL NEVER FORGET HIS IMPACT ON  
THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND HIS COUNTRY.

THIS FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR 2025

  
MAURA T. HEALEY  
Governor

  
KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL  
Lieutenant Governor