

Republican



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Ronald Reagan
Margaret Thatcher
Charlton Heston

July 9, 1999

Mr. Gilles A. Herard, Jr.
7208 Sand Lake Rd.
Orlando, FL 32819

Dear Gilles:

I am proud to present you with the Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom -- the highest and most prestigious honor the Republican members of the United States Senate can bestow on an individual.

The Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom signifies that you stand apart from other Americans, and it is presented in recognition of your commitment to our Party and our nation.

I truly wish I had the opportunity to present your Medal in person, because it would offer me the chance to convey my thanks, and those of all 54 of my Republican Senate colleagues, for your continued belief in the values, principles and ideals we all share.

Time and time again, through your support of the Republican Presidential Roundtable, you have stood by us in our legislative and political battles. When we faced our greatest challenges, you stepped forward to serve. And today, your help continues to play a critical role in every hard-fought victory we win.

I know you realize that few Americans take on such responsibility or play such a personally active role in America's government. Indeed, that is why you are one of only a few individuals in Florida to be recognized as a Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom recipient.

As I mentioned in my earlier letter announcing this special award, this is the first presentation of the Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom in more than five years.

Distinguished honorees who have received the Medal in the past include President Ronald Reagan, Lady Margaret Thatcher and Charlton Heston.

Over the course of the coming months, it will also be presented to: President George Bush, Judge Robert Bork, William Bennett, Newt Gingrich, Henry Hyde, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, and other key leaders who have carried the Republican banner through good times and bad.

