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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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Dr. President,

As you are aware, it is the authority of the President of the United States to award one of the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Citizens Medal. The President historically bestows this honor to men and women who have performed exemplary deeds or services to their country or their fellow citizens.

As you may know, Dr. John Gorrie settled here in the historic city of Apalachicola, Florida in 1833. He was widely known as the inventor of the Ice-making machine and was considered the father of air conditioning and refrigeration. In addition to those great achievements, Mr. Gorrie devoted his time and efforts by taking on a variety of civic duties which he continued up until his death on June 16, 1855.

The John Gorrie Bridge, the Gorrie Square, the John Gorrie monument, and the John Gorrie State Museum are just a few ways the Historic City of Apalachicola have honored this great man.

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners fully support the consideration for nomination of the Presidential Citizens Medal to the Physician, Scientist, Inventor, and Humanitarian, Mr. John Gorrie.

Sincerely,

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