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Dear Chief Edward Hudak Jr.,

With great pleasure, I am pleased to inform you that Brother Eduardo Castaneda has been nominated and selected as the recipient of the 2023 Robert DeKorte Memorial Award. This award stands as the most prestigious recognition for a Coral Gables Police Officer, and Eddie is truly deserving of this honor. Over the past 6 years, Brother Castaneda has demonstrated unwavering dedication to serving the citizens of Coral Gables and his fellow officers. He embodies the core criteria for this award, which includes courage, dedication, and devotion to duty, along with fostering a positive police image to the public while promoting brotherhood and morale within the department.

In this moment, we also pay tribute to Officer Robert DeKorte, a 19-year veteran of the Coral Gables Police Department, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty on January 21st, 1972, while bravely attempting to apprehend two subjects during an armed robbery at a local store.

Once again, it is with pride that I extend my congratulations to Brother Castaneda, and we eagerly anticipate honoring him at an upcoming commission meeting.

Fraternally,

Christopher Challenger
President