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Ms. Sheila T. Russell
Mayor
City of Cambridge
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795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Ms. Russell:

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Matthew Henson would be honored by this acknowledgment from the nation he served so nobly and patriotically. I am certain that I speak for many African Americans and Americans of other backgrounds who appreciate this famed Arctic explorer when I say that this nation is greatly indebted to Matthew Henson, and naming an oceanographic explorer ship in his honor is a fitting tribute of recognition and respect.

Again, thank you for your kind consideration and this special honor.

Sincerely yours,

S. Allen Counter, Ph.D., D.M.Sc.
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