



November 3, 2009

Starkville Christian School
Ms. Carr
305 Lynn Lane
Starkville 39759

Dear Ms. Carr:

I had the pleasure of meeting Gracieann yesterday and I want to tell you how proud we are of her, her classmates and especially the Principal and Teachers of Starkville Christian School.

Freedom is not free. Many men and women have given their lives so we can enjoy life as we know it. Our Flag Surround at Gulf States says "In honor of those who gave some and in memory of those who gave all."

In front of our tall flag, there is a Gold Star. This represents Gold Star Mothers everywhere. These special ladies had children who grew up to be strong men and women who joined our military and later gave their lives so we can enjoy freedom. Gold Star Mothers represent the greatest love for God and Country we can imagine.

We at Gulf States wondered who placed the roses next to the Gold Star. It was just luck that Gracieann came by while we were having lunch by the Flag on a pretty November day.

Gracieann comes by often to check on the flowers she placed by the Gold Star. She told us she just learned the Pledge of Allegiance and when she learned what our Flag Surround was about, she insisted on placing flowers by the Star.

The future of our country will soon be in the hands of people like Gracieann and older people like me are happy that people like her are there carrying on our patriotic thoughts.



Ms. Carr, we especially want to thank you and your school for the leadership you display. In a world of political correctness, it is nice to see school leaders grounded in the important thoughts of our world.

To Gracieann, it is very sweet that you kneel and pray each day for our soldiers everywhere. We should all be more like you.

I am going to pass this letter on to our Gold Star Mothers. Thank you for being strong.

With Greatest Regard,

Danny Coggins
President
Gulf States Manufacturers

