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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172d Infantry Brigade Combat Team
1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment
2d Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment
4th Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment
4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment
4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment
172d Support Battalion
21st Signal Company
572d Military Intelligence Company
562d Engineer Company
Company A, 52d Infantry Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 16 August 2005 to 3 December 2006
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 16 August 2005 to 3 December 2006, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 172d Infantry Brigade Combat Team and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in both Nineveh Province and in Baghdad, Iraq, while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The brigade valiantly fought the enemy, using lethal and non-lethal means, creating a safe environment for the October 2005 constitutional referendum and 2005 national election. The unit's actions enabled a higher voter turnout for the two elections and culminated in the transition of battle space to the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police. Additionally, the unit was chosen by the President of the United States to extend their year-long deployment for an additional 120 days to support critical operations in Baghdad. Their warrior spirit and professionalism quickly made an impact in the Baghdad area of operations. The 172d Infantry Brigade Combat Team's display of extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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