Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 6 October 2008 to 28 September 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 6 October 2008 to 28 September 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 299th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit displayed outstanding devotion to duty and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in one of the most complex, difficult, and lethal battles spaces in Iraq. In partnership with Iraqi security forces, the unit conducted full-spectrum operations, providing seamless logistical, maintenance, and force health protection. These combined measures, planned and executed under the most demanding conditions by the unit's brave men and women, ultimately had the desired effect. Additionally, the battalion effectively provided direct support to a heavy brigade combat team, force health protection to the Multi-National Division-Baghdad's area of operations, and created a partnership with the Iraqi Army that facilitated the enhancement of the Iraqi army's logistical, mechanical, medical, and communication skills. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 299th Support Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the United States Army.
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific

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unit's entitlement to display the award in the form of an appropriate streamer on its flag or guidon rests with the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), which is also responsible for determining official unit Lineage and Honors for MTOE organizations. CMH will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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