Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 October 2005 to 20 September 2006
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 October 2005 to 20 September 2006, Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division and its subordinate units displayed 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 battle spaces in Iraq. In partnership with Iraqi Security Forces, and operating in Southwest Baghdad in an area consisting of 485 square miles that have been devoid of a dedicated United States military presence for almost three years, the unit conducted full spectrum counterinsurgency operations, engaging a lethal, adaptable and determined enemy through a series of kinetic and non-kinetic measures designed to disrupt the enemy and deny them sanctuary in what had become a fertile terrorist haven, a prime staging and training area for insurgent activity and a pivotal corridor for the transport of terrorist supplies and insurgent activities into Baghdad. These combined measures, planned and executed under the most demanding conditions by the brave men and women of the unit, ultimately had the desired effect. The Brigade successfully isolated and neutralized anti-Iraq forces, continued to develop Iraqi Security Force capability, secured key terrain, supported government and economic development and
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created a security environment that will facilitate the completion of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1546 process on schedule. Headquarters, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division and its subordinate units' 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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