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ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Honorary Officer (AO) in the Military Division

General David H PETRAEUS, United States Army

For distinguished service to the International Coalition Against Terrorism as Commanding General, Multi-National Force Iraq from 26 January 2007 to 30 October 2008.

By Her Excellency's Command

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stephen Brady'.

Stephen Brady

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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General Petraeus led Coalition Forces, including Australian Defence Force members, to great effect in an exceedingly complex operational environment. Under General Petraeus's guidance the Coalition gained tactical momentum that directly led to strengthened reconciliation efforts and a renewed focus on political reform, resulting in a reduction in violence, lessening casualties and a decrease in security incidents. This resulted in a safer environment for Australian forces in Iraq.