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The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following honorary appointment within the Military Division of the Order of Australia:

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Honorary Officer (AO) in the Military Division

Admiral Michael Glenn MULLEN, United States Navy
For distinguished service to the military relationship between Australia and the United States of America as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States of America.

By Her Excellency's Command

Stephen Brady
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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During his tenure as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Australia's alliance with the United States has strengthened considerably, contributing to Australia's security and standing in the Asia-Pacific region, and benefitting regional neighbours through co-operative security relationships. Such benefits would not have been achieved without Admiral Mullen's strategic understanding, dogged determination, and inspired command approach. Admiral Mullen has made an outstanding contribution to the relationship between the United States and Australia as operational partners and as exercise partners in combined exercises in the Asia-Pacific region. He has greatly strengthened the Australia and United States alliance.