



Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to the

Headquarters, Joint Task Force Auburn Endeavor

Headquarters, Joint Task Force AUBURN ENDEAVOR, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 25 March 1998 to 30 April 1998 while executing an operation, directed by the National Command Authorities, in support of National Nonproliferation and Export Control Policy to reduce global stockpiles of highly enriched uranium. Through detailed coordination, integration, and synchronization of complex interagency planning and operational considerations, the politically sensitive recovery, packaging and transport of highly enriched uranium from an uncertain environment within the Republic of Georgia to a secure nuclear processing facility in an undisclosed third country were facilitated. The superb support provided resulted in the safe and successful completion of a complex, multinational nonproliferation operation within compressed time constraints and under the allocated budget without incident. Through innovative application of information management technology and an organizational concept designed to maximize "reach back" for critical support, only a small, but extremely capable, Forward Element was deployed thereby reducing the footprint of forces required in country. The flawless execution of this demanding mission contributed to greater regional stability and a significant reduction in global proliferation risk. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, Joint Task Force AUBURN ENDEAVOR, have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 31st day of July 1998

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry H. Shelton".

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff