Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to the

Joint Task Force Support Hope

The Joint Task Force SUPPORT HOPE distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 23 July 1994 to 7 October 1994. During this period, the Joint Task Force provided life-saving humanitarian aid to the nearly two million Rwandans who fled to neighboring Zaire to escape a devastating civil war. The Joint Task Force provided an unprecedented level of logistical, engineering, and air support to the United Nations and non-governmental and private volunteer organizations, assisting those agencies through a massive international surge of relief operations. Additionally, the Joint Task Force opened air and land lines of communication to facilitate the delivery of equipment and supplies to beleaguered refugee camps. This operation was the most extensive and successful humanitarian endeavor in military history. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Joint Task Force SUPPORT HOPE have brought great credit upon themselves, the Armed Forces of the United States, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 18th day of November 1994

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff