



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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The Honorable John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

I am writing in response to your request to award the Presidential Unit Citation to Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The award recommendation was processed pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1130, because the normal time period for considering Medals of Honor requests expired in this case. Section 1130 directs that, upon request of a Member of Congress, the Secretary shall review a proposal for the award or presentation of a decoration (or upgrading of a decoration) that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to time limitations established by law or policy. Based upon such review, the Secretary shall make a determination as to the merits of approving the award or presentation of the decoration.

In accordance with our normal procedures, the Senior Army Decorations Board reviewed the case and submitted it to me with its recommendation. After giving this request careful, personal consideration, I have determined that the Presidential Unit Citation is the appropriate award to recognize Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's gallant acts.

The unit's brave Soldiers have clearly distinguished themselves by their courageous actions. The Army and our nation are forever grateful for their heroic service.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of these brave Soldiers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Geren", written over a horizontal line.

Pete Geren