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## Honorary Appointment - General Division – October 2024

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointment in the  
Order of Australia:

### HONORARY OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

**Congressman Joseph David COURTNEY**, Connecticut, United States of America

For distinguished service to Australia's relationship with the United States of America.

By Her Excellency's command

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Martin'.

**Gerard Martin PSM**

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

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Congressman Courtney is a strong and tireless advocate of the alliance between the United States and Australia. He has been instrumental and committed to progressing Australia's international and security interests, particularly advancing AUKUS enabling legislation, required to make the AUKUS trilateral security partnership a success.

Through his leadership on the House Armed Services Committee and as the senior Democrat on the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, Congressman Courtney has diligently championed the Australian-US Alliance and advanced American and Australian naval power.

Congressman Courtney was crucial in the re-establishment of the Congressional Friends of Australia Caucus in 2017 and serves as the House Democratic Co-Chair. This bipartisan, bicameral group seeks to promote mutual cultural, economic and security interests. He has strengthened people to people connections between the two countries, by generously hosting various Australians, including state and federal officials both in Washington, DC and his Connecticut congressional district. Additionally, for over ten years he has hosted an Australian university student intern in his Capitol Hill office, providing a unique opportunity to learn about Congress.

The contribution of Congressman Courtney to champion a prosperous relationship between Australia and the United States, focused on ensuring global security in the Indo Pacific, make him worthy of recognition for distinguished service to Australia at Officer level.