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H. R. 5874

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. PASCARELL (for himself, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, and Mr. LOBIONDO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Guardians of Amer-
5 ica’s Freedom Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AWARD OF MEDALS OR OTHER COMMENDATIONS**
2 **TO HANDLERS OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS**
3 **AND MILITARY WORKING DOGS.**

4 (a) PROGRAM OF AWARD REQUIRED.—Each Sec-
5 retary of a military department shall carry out a program
6 to provide for the award of one or more medals or other
7 commendations to handlers of military working dogs, and
8 to military working dogs, under the jurisdiction of such
9 Secretary to recognize valor or meritorious achievement by
10 such handlers and dogs.

11 (b) MEDAL AND COMMENDATIONS.—Any medal or
12 commendation awarded pursuant to a program under sub-
13 section (a) shall be of such design, and include such ele-
14 ments, as the Secretary of the military department con-
15 cerned shall specify.

16 (c) REGULATIONS.—Medals and commendations
17 shall be awarded under programs under subsection (a) in
18 accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary
19 of Defense for purposes of this section.

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