

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. LANCE OF NEW JERSEY**

Page 175, after line 17, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 573. AWARD OF MEDALS OR OTHER COMMENDATIONS**  
2 **TO HANDLERS OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS**  
3 **AND MILITARY WORKING DOGS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the  
5 “Guardians of America’s Freedom Medal Act”.

6 (b) **AWARD OF MEDALS OR OTHER COMMENDATIONS**  
7 **TO HANDLERS OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS AND MILI-**  
8 **TARY WORKING DOGS.**—

9 (1) **PROGRAM OF AWARD REQUIRED.**—Each  
10 Secretary of a military department shall carry out a  
11 program to provide for the award of one or more  
12 medals or other commendations to handlers of mili-  
13 tary working dogs, and to military working dogs,  
14 under the jurisdiction of such Secretary to recognize  
15 valor or meritorious achievement by such handlers  
16 and dogs.

17 (2) **MEDAL AND COMMENDATIONS.**—Any medal  
18 or commendation awarded pursuant to a program

1 under paragraph (1) shall be of such design, and in-  
2 clude such elements, as the Secretary of the military  
3 department concerned shall specify.

4 (3) REGULATIONS.—Medals and commenda-  
5 tions shall be awarded under programs under para-  
6 graph (1) in accordance with regulations prescribed  
7 by the Secretary of Defense for purposes of this sec-  
8 tion.

