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To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Shakeel Afridi.

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Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. COBLE, Mr. FARENTHOLD, and Mr. GOHMERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Dr. Shakeel Afridi bravely risked his life to
6 identify Osama Bin Laden so that the United States
7 could bring him to justice.

8 (2) Before the May 2, 2011, raid which resulted
9 in Osama Bin Laden's death, Dr. Afridi, acting cou-
10 rageously, used the cover of conducting a vaccination
11 program in Abbottabad in order to gain access to

1 Bin Laden's compound and identify who was living
2 there.

3 (3) Dr. Afridi did this at the greatest personal
4 risk, as the discovery of his true mission likely would
5 have led him, and possibly his family, to be killed.

6 (4) The Government of Pakistan subsequently
7 arrested Dr. Afridi at his home on May 22, 2011,
8 and he has been unjustly jailed since that time.

9 (5) In January 2011, Secretary of Defense
10 Leon Panetta said that Dr. Afridi is "an individual
11 who in fact helped provide intelligence that was very
12 helpful with regards to this operation [to kill or cap-
13 ture Osama Bin Laden]."

14 (6) Dr. Afridi's acts to help the United States
15 were extremely valiant and daring, and his subse-
16 quent imprisonment by and suffering on account of
17 the Government of Pakistan for the exemplary deeds
18 he undertook for the United States is shameful.

19 (7) Pakistan's Inquiry Commission on the
20 Abbottabad Operation, the United States mission
21 which killed Osama Bin Laden, has recommended
22 that Dr. Afridi be tried for treason for helping the
23 United States.

24 (8) If convicted, Dr. Afridi could be executed,
25 and so his life continues to be in jeopardy on ac-

1 count of his work that helped further the interests
2 of the United States.

3 (9) Dr. Afridi played a pivotal and vital role in
4 the final operation to bring Osman Bin Laden to
5 justice after nearly a decade of unrelenting effort.

6 (10) The attacks of September 11, 2001, and
7 the murder of 3,000 Americans, were avenged the
8 day of the raid that resulted in Osama Bin Laden's
9 death, and the world is a safer place because of Dr.
10 Afridi's selflessness, courage, and willingness to help
11 the just cause.

12 (11) All Americans are grateful for Dr. Afridi's
13 bold actions.

14 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

15 (a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The President pro tem-
16 pore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives shall make appropriate arrangements for the
18 award, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appro-
19 priate design in honor of Dr. Shakeel Afridi, in recognition
20 of his activities to identify and provide intelligence regard-
21 ing the location of Osama Bin Laden.

22 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the
23 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the
24 Treasury shall strike the gold medal with suitable em-

1 blem, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
2 Secretary.

3 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

4 Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
5 ury may prescribe, the Secretary may strike and sell dupli-
6 cates in bronze of the gold medal struck under this Act,
7 at a price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, in-
8 cluding labor, materials, dyes, use of machinery, and over-
9 head expenses.

10 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

11 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
12 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
13 States Code.

14 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
15 **OF SALE.**

16 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
18 Public Enterprise Fund, an amount not to exceed \$30,000
19 to pay for the cost of the medals struck pursuant to this
20 Act.

21 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
22 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
23 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
24 Fund.

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