

medical capability exercises which supported the local population by providing medical care. He also volunteered to assist as a Security Force "Officer in Charge" in the clearing of several Improvised Explosive Devices. His actions enabled the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division to execute their missions.

As ever, Malik put his fellow soldiers' safety first during an enemy attack on base. After a rocket hit the camp, Malik immediately began evacuating other Coalition Force members into a hardened shelter to protect them from additional strikes. Disregarding his own safety, Malik continued evacuation procedures as a second rocket landed nearby. Malik's efforts undoubtedly saved lives.

When stateside, Malik serves as an officer with the Dallas Police Department. He joined the force in 1989 and in the words of his superiors, "He has continually demonstrated the same professionalism and dedication to duty that exemplify his military career." Colonel Malik has also been an invaluable volunteer for numerous local organizations. These include Dallas Military Ball, Assist the Officer Foundation, Texas Special Olympics, and Fisher House.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to name Peter W. Malik a recipient of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING MS. DOROTHY MAE
JORDAN FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dorothy Mae Jordan. Ms. Jordan is the loving mother of five children. She has devoted much of her life to improving the lives of others and is a true friend to her community.

Ms. Jordan is the epitome of selflessness. At the age of 50, she commits herself to the needs of others with little to no accolades. She silently sacrifices her time and resources to being a reliable, caring, and passionate friend for those in need. Ms. Jordan is a beacon of hope and inspiration to those she encounters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Ms. Dorothy Jordan for her steadfast devotion in serving and giving back to her community.

AMERICANS NEED A HEALTHCARE
RULING ACT—INTRODUCTORY
STATEMENT

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, the United States Supreme Court's recent decision to hear arguments on the fate of President Obama's Affordable Care Act sets the stage for an important ruling next summer that I believe will bring much-needed regulatory certainty to our economy.

However an obscure tax provision enacted into law by Congress in 1867 could delay a final ruling on the constitutionality of health care reform until 2015.

The court agreed to consider four key questions concerning the constitutionality of the health care law including whether Congress had the authority to require individuals to buy health insurance by 2014 or pay a tax penalty.

Legal scholars differ over whether the health care law adds a "tax" for those who lack insurance or instead imposes a "penalty" that must be paid to the Internal Revenue Service.

Yet under a law known as the Anti-Injunction Act of 1867, judges are barred from deciding on tax cases until the tax has been paid. Therefore if the justices find themselves closely divided on the issue the court could invoke the Anti-Injunction Act and put off a decision until 2015, when the first taxpayer pays a penalty for not having insurance.

Waiting for a decision on the constitutionality of the health care law until 2015 could be disastrous for U.S. businesses and our economy by continuing to deny regulatory certainty in this area.

That is why today I am introducing the Americans Need a Healthcare Ruling Act. This legislation would waive the Anti-Injunction Act as it applies to the Affordable Care Act. Passage of this bill will help ensure a decision on the issue next year.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the following law enforcement officers who have been honored by the Horse Shoe Curve Benevolent Association for their service to their communities and continued willingness to put their lives on the line to protect public safety.

Virginia State Police Trooper Pamela M. Neff serves the citizens of Clarke, Frederick, and Warren counties. Trooper Neff has done an outstanding job of removing intoxicated drivers from the road during her tenure with the force and has receive much notoriety for her efforts. Trooper Neff has also provided invaluable guidance and instruction to newer troopers and has consistently made sound decisions with regard to violations enforcement. Furthermore, her excellent investigative skills and her knowledge of the laws of Virginia enhance her ability to effectively communicate with the community.

Virginia State Police Trooper Daniel J. Scott serves the citizens of Frederick County. Trooper Scott has served the Virginia Department of State Police as a trooper, breach alcohol operator and field training officer. Trooper Scott provides critical guidance to less seasoned troopers. In addition, his investigative skills have also been recognized by his fellow officers. Trooper Scott's service to the community is a true testament to his dedication to this important work.

Correctional Officer Franklin D. Garris Jr. serves as a housing unit security officer with the Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center. Officer Garris is responsible for more

than 50 inmates on a regular basis. Over the past several years, Officer Garris has demonstrated himself to be among the most disciplined and conscientious officers on the staff and has been serving as a field training officer. Officer Garris has performed superbly and is recognized by his peers as an exceptional officer whose dedication is unmatched.

Officer Stephen Hossack serves the Mount Weather Police Department. Officer Hossack is a knowledgeable and professional police officer, displaying a strong dedication to the mission. Officer Hossack's contributions to the department's explosive K-9 program have enabled its teams to improve critical training. Officer Hossack is well informed and has the knowledge and skill to handle this complex work.

Edgar Allen Sibert serves as a lieutenant in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Sibert also serves as the north end team leader of the Northeast Regional Drug and Gang Task Force, where he supervises undercover investigators assigned from Winchester, Frederick, and Clarke counties. A majority of Lt. "Big Al" Sibert's career has involved working with drug investigations. Lt. Sibert has shown outstanding dedication to the citizens he serves. These qualities make him an outstanding officer.

Detective Lisa Hyde serves the Winchester Police Department. Detective Hyde has been instrumental in the development, implementation and successful completion of the Winchester Police Department's Timbrook Youth Reporting Center. Detective Hyde has designed and implemented the standard operating procedures for the programs. Detective Hyde has an undeniable love for the community's youth and this is reflected in her ability to carry out such a long and painstaking process as the development of the Timbrook Youth Reporting Center. In addition to maintaining this program, Detective Hyde also manages a criminal case load as a Winchester Police Department Detective and serves as a team leader on the Winchester Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team.

Deputy Allen Mason serves the Clarke County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Mason began working for the sheriff's office in communications and has advanced to the rank of deputy. Deputy Mason has also worked as a school resource officer. Recently, Deputy Mason responded to a call regarding an elderly lady wandering around a rural area of the county. He was able to find and return the lady to the safety of her family who expressed deep appreciation for Deputy Mason's kindness and professionalism.

Corporal Tim Bristol serves the Berryville Police Department. Corporal Bristol has taken an active leadership role within the department and constantly looks for ways to improve and motivate members of the department. Corporal Bristol has been involved in the reorganization of the department's field training program and worked tirelessly to make sure those coming into the department are professionally mentored and equipped with the tools and resources necessary.

Deputy Steve Alger serves the Winchester Sheriff's Office. In August 2010 Deputy Alger was assisting mall security apprehend several subjects who had repeatedly stolen comforters and home furnishings when a fight began. The subject was able to climb into a vehicle and when Deputy Alger continued his pursuit, he