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# H. R. 1055

To direct the Secretary of Defense to issue a commendation to each individual exposed to mustard agents during World War II, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1993

Mr. GOSS (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BROWDER, and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. ISSUANCE OF COMMENDATION TO INDIVID-**  
4 **UALS EXPOSED TO MUSTARD AGENTS DUR-**  
5 **ING WORLD WAR II.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
7 issue to each individual described in subsection (b) a com-  
8 mendation in honorary recognition of the individual's spe-  
9 cial service, loyalty, and contribution to the United States.

1       (b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual referred  
2 to in subsection (a) is an individual who, as a member  
3 of the armed forces or an employee of the Department  
4 of War, was exposed to mustard agents in connection with  
5 testing performed by the Department of War during  
6 World War II.

7       **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF EXPOSURE.**

8       The Secretary of Defense shall notify each individual  
9 described in section 1 of the exposure described in such  
10 section, the possible health effects of the exposure, and  
11 the likely options available to the individual for medical  
12 treatment for health effects resulting from the exposure.

13       **SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**

14       The Secretary of Defense shall make available to the  
15 Secretary of Veterans Affairs any information of the De-  
16 partment of Defense regarding the exposure described in  
17 section 1, including the names of the individuals subjected  
18 to the exposure.

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