

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2016

To provide that the Secretary of Defense may provide public identification of military casualties no sooner than 24 hours after notification of next-of-kin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2003

Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. GALLEGLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To provide that the Secretary of Defense may provide public identification of military casualties no sooner than 24 hours after notification of next-of-kin.

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 “Military Family Peace-
5 of-Mind Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY CASUALTIES**
2 **NO SOONER THAN 24 HOURS AFTER NOTIFI-**
3 **CATION OF NEXT-OF-KIN.**

4 The Secretary of Defense may not publicly release the
5 name or other personally identifying information of any
6 member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps
7 who while on active duty or performing inactive duty train-
8 ing is killed or injured, whose duty status becomes un-
9 known, or who is otherwise considered to be a casualty
10 until a period of 24 hours has elapsed after the notifica-
11 tion of the next-of-kin of such member.

○