## 108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 2016

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## 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

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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. 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        |
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| 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.                     |

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