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# H. R. 1404

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2003

Mr. PAUL 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Atomic Test Veterans  
5 Recognition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ATOMIC TESTING RECOGNITION RIBBON.**

2 (a) DESIGN OF RIBBON.—The Secretary of Defense  
3 shall design and produce a ribbon, to be known as the  
4 “Atomic Testing Recognition Ribbon”, to honor all mili-  
5 tary veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation as  
6 a result of atomic weapons tests conducted by the United  
7 States between 1945 and 1963.

8 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF RIBBON.—The Secretary of  
9 Defense shall issue the Atomic Testing Recognition Rib-  
10 bon to each person who, while a member of the Armed  
11 Forces serving on active duty, was exposed to ionizing ra-  
12 diation as a result of atomic weapons testing conducted  
13 by the United States between 1945 and 1963. In the case  
14 of any such person who is deceased, the ribbon shall be  
15 issued to the next-of-kin of such person

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