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# H. R. 4369

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. SKELTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Army Combat Recogni-  
5 tion Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. ARMY COMBAT RECOGNITION RIBBON.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENT SIMILAR TO THAT FOR NAVY  
3 COMBAT ACTION RIBBON.—(1) Chapter 357 of title 10,  
4 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following new section:

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“3757. Combat recognition ribbon.”.

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7 tion 3757 of title 10, United States Code, as added by  
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11 a requirement for submission of an application for award  
12 of a ribbon under that section with respect to service be-  
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