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S. 3423

To provide for equity in the award of military decorations and citations for service in the Armed Forces since March 20, 2003, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. EQUITY IN THE AWARD OF MILITARY DECORA-**
4 **TIONS AND CITATIONS FOR SERVICE IN THE**
5 **ARMED FORCES SINCE MARCH 20, 2003.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
7 take appropriate actions to ensure that each member and
8 unit of the Armed Forces (including members and units
9 of the National Guard and Reserve) that has served in
10 the Armed Forces since March 20, 2003, is awarded each

1 decoration, medal, citation, commendation, or other mili-
2 tary award to which such member or unit is entitled by
3 reason of service in the Armed Forces since that date.

4 (b) AUDIT OF AWARDS.—In furtherance of meeting
5 the requirement in subsection (a), the Secretary shall pro-
6 vide for a comprehensive audit of the decorations, medals,
7 citations, commendations, and other military awards
8 awarded for service in the Armed Forces since March 20,
9 2003, in order to determine whether any decorations, med-
10 als, citations, commendations, or other awards to be
11 awarded as described in that subsection have yet to be
12 awarded.

13 (c) PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CER-
14 TAIN AWARDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each Secretary of a military
16 department shall establish procedures to provide for
17 the expedited review by general officers or flag offi-
18 cers, as applicable, of recommendations for the
19 award by such military department of decorations
20 medals, badges, or other military awards for service
21 in combat or under hostile fire that require the ap-
22 proval of a general or flag officer.

23 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of the
24 Army and the Secretary of the Air Force shall each
25 consult with the adjutants general of the States

1 under the jurisdiction of such Secretary in estab-
2 lishing procedures under paragraph (1).

3 (d) REPORT ON PROGRESS IN AWARD.—Not later
4 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a reports on the
6 progress made in the award of decorations, medals, cita-
7 tions, commendations, and other military awards as de-
8 scribed in that subsection.

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