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103^D CONGRESS
2ND SESSION**H. R. 572**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4 (legislative day, JUNE 30), 1993

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 23 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Reported by Mr. BIDEN, without amendment

AN ACT

For the relief of Melissa Johnson.

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. PAYMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CLAIMANT.**

4 The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay, out of any
5 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
6 \$125,000 to Melissa Johnson of Barryville, New York.
7 Such sum shall be in full and complete settlement of all
8 claims against the United States arising out of the per-
9 sonal injuries and mental pain and suffering incurred as
10 a result of the sexual assault and molestation of Melissa

1 Johnson by an employee of the United States Postal Serv-
2 ice on June 3, 1982, and various other dates.

3 **SEC. 2. DEPOSIT OF AMOUNT IN TRUST ACCOUNTS.**

4 Barbara Johnson Lizzi of Barryville, New York, the
5 mother of Melissa Johnson, shall deposit the sum paid
6 under section 1 in a federally insured depository institu-
7 tion in an interest bearing account or accounts in trust
8 for Melissa Johnson. Barbara Johnson Lizzi shall serve
9 as sole trustee of such account or accounts and, as such
10 trustee—

11 (1) shall pay those debts and obligations which
12 are outstanding at the time the sum is paid under
13 section 1 to the extent those debts and obligations
14 arise from the injuries and pain and suffering de-
15 scribed in section 1;

16 (2) shall, until Melissa Johnson reaches the age
17 of majority under the laws of the State in which Me-
18 lissa Johnson is residing at the time, pay, from the
19 amounts in the trust account or accounts, expenses
20 incurred for Melissa Johnson's medical care and
21 education; and

22 (3) shall, when Melissa Johnson reaches the age
23 of majority under the laws of the State in which Me-
24 lissa Johnson is residing at the time, pay to Melissa

1 Johnson all amounts remaining in the trust account
2 or accounts.

3 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ATTORNEYS' FEES.**

4 Not more than 10 percent of the amount appro-
5 priated by section 1 may be paid or delivered to or received
6 by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered
7 in connection with the claim described in section 1, not-
8 withstanding any contract which provides otherwise. Any
9 person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
10 guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to a fine in
11 the amount provided in title 18, United States Code.

Passed the House of Representatives August 3,
1993.

Attest: DONNALD K. ANDERSON,
Clerk.

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