

excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved August 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 534]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the President to issue posthumously to the late John Sidney McCain, vice admiral, United States Navy, a commission as admiral, United States Navy, and for other purposes.

September 3, 1949
[H. J. Res. 281]
[Private Law 250]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to issue posthumously to the late John Sidney McCain, late a vice admiral, United States Navy, a commission as admiral, United States Navy, as of September 6, 1945.

John Sidney McCain.
Posthumous commission as admiral, USN.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized and directed to amend the records of the Navy Department so as to carry the said John Sidney McCain as an admiral, United States Navy, to rank from September 6, 1945.

Approved September 3, 1949.

[CHAPTER 549]

AN ACT

For the relief of the estate of James Lander Thomas.

September 7, 1949
[H. R. 1066]
[Private Law 251]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the estate of James Lander Thomas, deceased minor son of J. L. Thomas and Viola Wood Thomas, of Thomas, Louisiana, the sum of \$5,000. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims against the United States on account of the death of the said James Lander Thomas which resulted from an accident on August 12, 1939, in the gymnasium of the Thomas High School, Thomas, Louisiana, while such gymnasium was under construction by the National Youth Administration: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

James Lander Thomas, estate.

Approved September 7, 1949.

[CHAPTER 550]

AN ACT

For the relief of Conrad L. Wirth.

September 7, 1949
[H. R. 1446]
[Private Law 252]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Conrad L. Wirth, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, the sum of \$85.86, in

Conrad L. Wirth.