### 105TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# S. 1168

For the relief of Retired Sergeant First Class James D. Benoit, Wan Sook Benoit, and the estate of David Benoit, and for other purposes.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

Mr. Levin introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

For the relief of Retired Sergeant First Class James D. Benoit, Wan Sook Benoit, and the estate of David Benoit, and for other purposes.

- 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. CONSENT TO SUIT.
- 4 Notwithstanding section 2735 of title 10, United
- 5 States Code, and any other provision of law, the United
- 6 States Court of Federal Claims shall have jurisdiction to
- 7 hear, determine, and render judgment on a claim by Re-
- 8 tired Sergeant First Class James D. Benoit, Wan Sook
- 9 Benoit, or the estate of David Benoit concerning the death
- 10 of David Benoit on June 28, 1983.

### 1 SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS PERIOD.

- 2 Suit on a claim under section 1 may be instituted
- 3 at any time not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
- 4 ment of this Act.

#### 5 SEC. 3. PRIOR SETTLEMENT.

- 6 Settlement of a claim prior to the date of enactment
- 7 of this Act shall not bar a claim under section 1. The dam-
- 8 ages awarded on a claim under section 1 shall reflect the
- 9 settlement of a claim prior to the date of enactment of
- 10 this Act.

### 11 SEC. 4. NO INFERENCE OF LIABILITY.

- 12 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as an inference
- 13 of liability on the part of the United States.

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