H. R. 2764

For the relief of Lilly M. Ledbetter.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 8, 2009

Ms. Woolsey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

For the relief of Lilly M. Ledbetter.

- 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 OF BACK PAY.
- 4 The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay, out of any
- 5 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the
- 6 sum of \$60,000.00 to Lilly M. Ledbetter of Jacksonville,
- 7 Alabama, for compensation for back pay not received as
- 8 an employee of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Inc.
- 9 The sum represents the amount she was awarded by the
- 10 United States district court in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire

- 1 & Rubber Co., Civil Action No. 99-C-3137-E (N.D. Ala.
- 2 Sept. 24, 2003) for back pay, but denied by the Supreme
- 3 Court, in accordance with title VII of the Civil Rights Act
- 4 of 1964.

5 SEC. 2. SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

- 6 (a) Entitlement to Benefits.—For purposes of
- 7 determining the entitlement to, and the amount of, old-
- 8 age insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security
- 9 Act based on the wages and self-employment income of
- 10 Lilly M. Ledbetter of Jacksonville, Alabama, the Commis-
- 11 sioner of Social Security shall increase the amount cred-
- 12 ited to her as remuneration paid to her in connection with
- 13 service performed for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company
- 14 for each pay period beginning on or after November 1,
- 15 1985, and ending on or before October 31, 1998, by the
- 16 amount of pay which was alleged in her complaint in the
- 17 case cited in section 1 to be paid which was illegally denied
- 18 her in connection with such service for such pay period
- 19 (totaling \$223,776 as the amount for all such pay peri-
- 20 ods).
- 21 (b) Primary Insurance Amount.—Notwith-
- 22 standing section 215(f)(1) of the Social Security Act, the
- 23 Commissioner of Social Security shall recompute the pri-
- 24 mary insurance amount of Lilly M. Ledbetter so as to take
- 25 into account the provisions of this section solely for pur-

- 1 poses of determining her old-age insurance benefits pursu-
- 2 ant to subsection (a).
- 3 (c) Effective Date and Payment for Prior
- 4 Months.—The provisions of this section shall apply with
- 5 respect to benefits for months beginning before, on, or
- 6 after the date of the enactment of this Act. Benefit
- 7 amounts payable solely by reason of the provisions of this
- 8 Act for months preceding the date of the enactment of
- 9 this Act shall be paid in a lump sum.
- 10 (d) Restoration of Trust Fund Balance.—
- 11 There are appropriated for fiscal years ending after the
- 12 date of the enactment of this Act, from amounts otherwise
- 13 available in the general fund of the Treasury, to the Fed-
- 14 eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund such
- 15 sums as the Commissioner of Social Security deems nec-
- 16 essary from time to time for each fiscal year, on account
- 17 of—
- 18 (1) amounts payable under title II of the Social
- 19 Security Act solely by reason of the preceding provi-
- sions of this section,
- 21 (2) the additional administrative expenses re-
- sulting therefrom, and
- 23 (3) any loss in interest to such Trust Fund re-
- sulting from the payment of such amounts,

- 1 in order to place such Trust Fund in the same position
- 2 at the end of such fiscal year as the position in which it
- 3 would have been if the preceding provisions of this section
- 4 had not been enacted. Such amounts shall be certified by
- 5 the Commissioner to the Secretary of the Treasury from
- 6 time to time as necessary to carry out the provisions of

7 subsection.

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