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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 7685 - For the relief of Mildred N. Crumley. This bill entitles Mrs. Crumley to a civil service survivor's annuity by deeming her to have been married to Darrell D. Crumley for the period of time prior to his death that is required by civil service retirement law.

Under the civil service retirement law at the time of Darrell Crumley's death, in order to qualify for a survivor's annuity, the surviving spouse had to either have been married to the deceased employee for at least two years immediately preceding the employee's death or been the parent of a child by that marriage. The "length of marriage" requirement (which has since been reduced to one year) is intended to avoid the acquisition of valuable survivor benefits by people who might marry employees or annuitants for that purpose.

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The President has signed H.R. 2943 - For the relief of the estate of James J. Caldwell.

This bill authorizes and directs payment of \$19,145.18 to the estate of Mr. James J. Caldwell, representing amounts erroneously deducted from his salary for his civil service retirement annuity from October 31, 1957, through March 25, 1961, and social security benefits denied him because this erroneous deduction reduced the earnings credited to him for social security during this period.

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