

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2398,  
VETERAN HOUSE ACT OF 2020

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2398, which amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 and title 38, of the United States Code to expand eligibility for the HUD-VASH program.

The bill directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit annual homeless veteran reports to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

This amendment will help to ensure that the rate of homelessness among veterans in the United States does not increase.

Currently, 107,000 veterans are homeless on any given night, while double this amount will experience homelessness at one point in their lives.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is a government agency dedicated to fulfilling the need for affordable housing in America.

VASH is a jointly-administered permanent supportive housing program for disabled Veterans experiencing homelessness in which VA medical Centers provide referrals and case management while Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) administer the Section 8 housing vouchers.

The VASH program expands access to HUD for homeless veterans.

H.R. 2398 adds the word "veteran" to the Housing Act's authorizing language, thus strengthening the Veterans' Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program.

This change will increase the total number of permanent government-issued housing benefits to veterans most vulnerable to homelessness.

The services provided by the programs would assist veterans in both attaining and sustaining permanent housing.

Homelessness among the American veteran population is far too high in the United States and we must be proactive in giving back to those who have given so much to us.

I ask my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to support H.R. 2398.

**RICK TAYLOR**

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the life and legacy of the late Pennsauken, New Jersey resident, The Honorable Rick Taylor.

The late Rick Taylor and his family lived in Pennsauken, New Jersey, where he served as

Pennsauken Township's Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Township Committeeman for 25 years and served as a longtime educator at Pennsauken Public schools.

Rick Taylor earned his master's degree in education administration from Glassboro State College and moved to Pennsauken in 1969. His lengthy career in the township's schools began when he was hired as a Pennsauken High School English teacher and held that position for eight years before advancing to the role of assistant principal, which he held for a decade. Rick then became principal of two Pennsauken elementary schools for nine years. He also served as an assistant football coach and head golf coach at Pennsauken High School and spent 15 years as director of personnel for the Pennsauken School District.

Along with his dedication to students and education, Rick also served in positions of civic leadership. He served on the township committee for 25 years and served as Mayor for nine terms. He also served as a Lector at St. Stephen's and was on the board of the Diocese of Camden's Office of Black Catholic Ministry. Additionally, Mr. Taylor was a Commissioner on the Delaware River Port Authority Board and was reappointed to the Board by Governor Christie in 2017.

Among his many accomplishments, Rick received Camden County's MLK Freedom Medal for his service to the community of Pennsauken for over 40 years and for his work as a tireless advocate for children, youth and families.

The residents of Pennsauken, New Jersey greatly adored and appreciated Mr. Taylor. His passing is a great loss to Pennsauken and our entire community, as well as a deeply personal loss for those who were privileged to call him a friend and mentor.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Rick Taylor, of Pennsauken, New Jersey, a dedicated public servant who fought tirelessly for his students, fellow educators, his committee members and for the constituents of Pennsauken, New Jersey.

**HONORING LOUIS GILL**

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Louis Gill in celebration of his decades of work as a dedicated volunteer, leader, and activist in the City of Passaic and the Polish community.

Born to Mr. Ludwig Gill and Ms. Leona Stolarz, Mr. Gill's commitment to service began very young. After graduating from Passaic High School in 1957, he attended Fairleigh Dickinson College and received a bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1961. After becoming the Work Experience and Career Exploration Program (W.E.C.E.P.) Coordinator and teacher at the Paterson Board of Edu-

cation, Mr. Gill continued to earn multiple degrees and certifications for business, education, and administration. Following his years in school, Mr. Gill founded his own store, Gill's Market, right in his hometown of Passaic.

Mr. Gill married his beloved wife Mary in 1963 in Passaic, New Jersey. Together, they raised four children and are grandparents to four grandchildren. Five years after his wedding, Mr. Gill began his lifelong career in public service. He was appointed to the Passaic Alcohol and Beverage Control Commission, where he served for five years, three of which he was the Chairman. In 1977, he was elected to the Passaic City Council, where he served for another 19 years and eventually became the President of the City Council. During his service there, Mr. Gill was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly to represent the 36th District for two terms in 1987.

Mr. Gill's service to his community here in New Jersey and to the Polish community is extensive. While pursuing higher education and serving his local community, he was the Grand Marshall of the Pulaski Day Parade and President of the Sons of Poland for five years. He also joined the League of American Poles, and was a part of the Board of Directors for the Polish Cultural Center and Clifton Community Center. In addition to getting involved with the Polish community, Mr. Gill was also a part of the Chopin Singing Society for 50 years, where he served as President.

Mr. Gill's service to his community is a credit to his character, and he has consistently been recognized for his work. He was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Pulaski Association of Police and Fire Departments in 1978. In the following year, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Policemen's Benevolent Association. Finally, as a member of the Passaic-Clifton Y.M.C.A., Mr. Gill received the Recognition For Service Award in 1985.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Mr. Gill.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing Louis Gill for his outstanding work, as we celebrate his decades of distinguished service to the State of New Jersey and the members of his family and community.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF LEO AND EVELYN  
HUPPE

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th wedding anniversary of Leo and Evelyn Huppe, longtime residents of Rochester, New Hampshire.

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