



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 605

Resolution calling on the United States Congress to pass H.R. 147 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans.

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Whereas, It has been estimated that there are 107,000 homeless veterans on any given night in the United States; and

Whereas, Further, it has been estimated that over the course of the year over 200,000 veterans will experience homelessness; and

Whereas, Some assert that 1,500,000 veterans are at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks or substandard housing; and

Whereas, Veterans represent only about 11% of the civilian population, but 26% of the homeless population consists of veterans; and

Whereas, The estimated numbers of homeless veterans in New York City are over 3200 citywide, 910 in Queens, 776 in Brooklyn, 629 in Manhattan, 549 in the Bronx and 358 on Staten Island; and

Whereas, Beginning in 2008, legislation has been introduced in Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code to establish in the Treasury the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund and to allow individual taxpayers to designate a portion of their tax returns to be paid over to such Fund to provide assistance to homeless veterans; and

Whereas, New York's Ironworkers Local 361 supported this legislation; and

Whereas, Most recently, H.R. 147 was introduced on January 6, 2009 by Representative Steve Israel;

and

Whereas, H.R. 147 would amend the Internal Revenue Code to establish the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund and to allow individual taxpayers to designate on their tax returns \$3.00 of income taxes (\$6.00 in the case of joint returns) to be paid over to such Fund to provide assistance to homeless veterans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Congressional delegation to support H.R. 147; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the United States Congress to pass H.R. 147 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans.

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