

Florida Politics: Stephanie Murphy backs Jacky Rosen's "Keeping Our Commitment to Ending Veteran Homelessness Act"

Congressman Murphy supported Republican Jacky Rosen's "Keeping Our Commitment to Ending Veteran Homelessness Act."

TALLAHASSEE, FL, UNITED STATES, February 2, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Florida Politics: This week, Florida Democrat Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy joined with three Republicans to bring out a bill looking to ensure the federal government continues its efforts to reduce homelessness among veterans.





Murphy joined Republicans Elise Stefanik of New York and Bruce Westerman of Arkansas to back Nevada Republican Jacky Rosen's "Keeping Our Commitment to Ending Veteran Homelessness Act."

The bill reauthorizes a number of federal programs including the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Program, Mental Healthcare for Homeless Veterans, Referral and Counseling Services for Certain Veterans at Risk of Homelessness, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Housing Assistance for Homeless Veterans, Grants and Per Diem (GPD) Homeless Veterans with Special Needs and the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.

"Nevada's veterans have put their lives on the line to protect this nation, and it is our responsibility to support them when they finish their service," Rosen said. "This bipartisan legislation will help prevent veterans from becoming homeless and ensure those living on the streets get the support they need to get back on their feet. This is the least we can do for the brave women and men who have sacrificed so much to keep us safe, and we must renew these critical programs."

On Thursday, Murphy noted how many veterans across the nation spend the nights on the streets.

"No American—and especially no military veteran—should have to live on the streets," Murphy. "On any given night, there are over 40,000 homeless veterans in the United States. Ending veteran homelessness requires serious and sustained efforts. Men and women who wore the uniform have earned our support, especially when they are down on their luck. I'm proud to join Reps. Rosen, Stefanik and Westerman in introducing this bipartisan bill to authorize funding for federal initiatives that address the root causes of veteran homelessness and empower these American heroes to get back on their feet."

"Our veterans risk their lives to serve their nation and protect our way of life," said Stefanik. "More

veterans live in our Congressional district than any other district in New York State, and this critical legislation will ensure they have access to housing and financial assistance. This legislation also offers support for those veterans suffering from mental illness. I'm proud to work on behalf of our veterans on this bipartisan initiative and urge my colleagues to support those who have defended our nation."

"The men and women who serve in uniform are a cut above the rest," said Westerman. "For this reason, the American people owe a debt of gratitude to our American military heroes. But it is more than a simple 'Thank you.' We must provide the tools necessary for our veterans to reintegrate into society and if they fall on hard times, the tools to get back on their feet. That is why I am proud to sponsor this bill which aims to end veteran homelessness."

The bill has been sent to the House Veterans Affairs Committee. So far, there is no Senate counterpart. Read more at FloridaPoliticalNews.com

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