

I voted Yes on H.R. 3298, the Homes for Heroes Act.

This bill would greatly improve our ability to address homelessness among veterans. Currently, 16 percent of homeless adults are veterans, despite the fact that they only account for 9.5 percent of the adult U.S. population. This has reached a crisis point and it is morally inexcusable. We have an obligation to take care of these brave men and women who sacrificed so much on our behalf.

Specifically, H.R. 3298 would create the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to focus specifically on veterans programs. The Special Assistant will oversee services for homeless veterans and facilitate inter-agency coordination to improve the government's response to homelessness among veterans. Furthermore, H.R. 3298 requires HUD to submit an annual report to Congress detailing the housing needs of homeless veterans and the work HUD has done to address these needs.

Inter-agency coordination will improve our ability to reduce homelessness among veterans and reduce inefficiencies in the current system that wastes money - dollars that could be better spent on the front lines of this crisis.

H.R. 3298 passed by a vote of 414 - 5.