

# Appropriations Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-5088

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF A REWARD TO PATRICIA "PIDGIE"

**Title:** D'ALLESSIO.

**Vote Date:** 4/21/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/26/2021

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Appropriations Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

To recognize and compensate Ms. Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio for her role in the identification, arrest and conviction of serial predator Robert Nelson Malm. In 1953, a \$3,000 reward was offered for information regarding the sexual assault and strangulation of a young girl. Through Ms. D'Allessio's efforts, Mr. Malm was convicted of the crime. However, she was deemed ineligible to receive the reward, as the information she provided was given prior to the reward being offered. The bill seeks to acknowledge Ms. D'Allessio's act of public service.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None expressed

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

[Edwin Vargas, State Representative](#) complimented the bravery and hard work of Patricia "Pidgie" D'Allessio. He stated that her act of public service should be recognized.

[Debra St. Germain](#) stated that this bill rights a wrong and should be passed so that justice is finally served.

[A petition in support of the bill](#) was submitted by the Executive Board and Members of Hartford's Southwest and Behind the Rocks Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. The petition included support from Debra St Germain, Santos Rivera, Eileen Noonan, Colin Billings, Kathy

Evans, Julie Dube, John Vallez, Joyce Bono, Ryan Cochrane, Sylvia Vargas, Edwin Vargas, Janice Castle, Yvonne Matthews, Arianna Bascne, Keith Henderson, Pamela Applewhite-Miller, Elizabeth O'Leary, and Pete Torres.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed

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