



TAAVEL, RAYMOND: 60TH BIRTHDAY MARKED - RECOG.

LISA LACHANCE: Speaker, I rise today to remember Raymond Taavel. Raymond Taavel made Nova Scotia his home, starting in the 1990s. He very quickly became involved in, as he said, community to become, to be the change. He served on Halifax Pride and was co-chair with two early victories, such as convincing HRM to declare Pride Week and to fly the Pride flag at Grand Parade Square. He was a part of NSRAP, InterPride, and a founding member of Fierté Canada Pride. Raymond died in an attack in 2012.

This past Summer, the Elderberries honoured what would have been Raymond's 60th birthday in the park that bears his name in Halifax, Raymond Taavel Park. It was a time to remember his former accomplishments, but also his spirit, courage, and community-building. I ask that we all take to heart his motto: Be the Change.

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