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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 22, 2010
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Kenyatta Johnson
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship: Youth Violence Prevention Week in PA

In the near future, I intend to introduce a resolution proclaiming the week of March 21-25, 2011 as "Youth Violence Prevention Week in Pennsylvania".

Research studies have revealed that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has more people serving prison sentences of life without parole for crimes committed as juveniles than any other jurisdiction in the world. In response to this and many other alarming statistics, The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and The Guidance Group have united forces to become the founding partners of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign.

The overarching goal of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent and/or reduce youth violence. The campaign promotes a week-long initiative consisting of activities and interactive workshops that strive to demonstrate the positive role that young people can have in making their schools and communities safer places to live.

The National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign galvanizes youth and their communities-at-large to recognize and take a stand against prejudice, bullying, disrespect, and risky behaviors in order to break the systemic chain of violence. Please join me in co-sponsoring this important resolution. You may contact Deborah R. Brady in my Harrisburg office at dbrady@pahouse.net or at (717) 787-9473. Thank you!