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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: Representative Robert F. Matzie

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DATE: January 5, 2011

RE: Co-sponsorship of a Resolution Regarding Pennsylvanians with Disabilities Day (Former HR596)

I will soon re-introduce former HR 596, a resolution urging the Governor to issue a proclamation on January 30, 2011 to observe Pennsylvanians with Disabilities Day. Further, the resolution would request the Governor to appoint a committee to investigate and recommend how the Commonwealth can best commemorate Pennsylvanians with Disabilities Day on an annual basis and recognize residents with disabilities who have distinguished themselves and the Commonwealth in the spirit of the last President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

For your information, the Act of May 26, 1988 (P.L. 413, No. 11) initially designated January 30 in Pennsylvania as the Day of the Disabled. Additionally, the Act of June 2, 1993, amended that previous act to designate January 30, Franklin Delano's Roosevelt's birthday, as Pennsylvanians with Disabilities Day. The current law does not establish any actions by the Commonwealth to properly observe the holiday.

Approval of the resolution and further action by the governor in setting up a committee would establish an efficient process to receive recommendations for amending the law so that the Commonwealth can best commemorate Pennsylvanians with Disabilities Day.

Previous co-sponsors- *D. COSTA, BELFANTI, BOYLE, BEYER, BISHOP, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, DePASQUALE, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GERGELY, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARPER, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MARKOSEK, MICOZZIE, MUNDY, MURPHY, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STABACK, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ, PHILLIPS, GIBBONS, MANN, BROOKS, STEVENSON, M. O'BRIEN, FLECK, MAHONEY, PAYNE, RAPP, HESS, MAHER, SAMUELSON, GEIST, BRADFORD, ROCK, TALLMAN, CONKLIN, DENLINGER, REICHLEY and THOMAS*

Please contact Keontay Hodge in my office at 7-4444 or at khodge@pahouse.net if you wish to cosponsor the resolution or if you have any questions or wish to see a copy of the legislation. Thanks.

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