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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship of Legislation

TO:

Representative Karen Bobaka Room 141-B, East Wing FROM:

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will provide for the adoption of the Honor and Remember Flag, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as the Commonwealth's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty. This legislation will require the flag to be flown at Soldiers' Grove behind the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

There has been an ongoing national campaign to encourage the U.S. Congress to recognize the Honor and Remember Flag and the importance it has to the men and women of the armed forces as well as the importance it represents to their family members. The Honor and Remember organization has stated that, "In more than 200 years of our nation's history, here has never been an officially recognized symbol that reminds us daily of the sacrifice made by members of our military who lost their lives in service to our country."

The Honor and Remember organization's goal, which I share deeply, is to have the flag congressionally and militarily sanctioned as a permanent symbol to fly continuously in eternal honor and remembrance of fallen military service men and women. However, the U.S. Congress has failed so far to recognize this very important symbol and the need to have it proclaimed throughout our nation.

The citizens of America realize the enormous sacrifice made by our men and women of uniform, who sometimes lose their lives in the line of duty. The fallen military heroes deserve the honor of having a national flag of recognition and special meaning.

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Please join me in sponsoring this legislation to bring to fruition this long overdue flag of national importance and give our military men and women and their families the honor they have earned. Please help me in showing America that our Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families have a friend in Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in joining me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact or email Brenda Zablotsky at (717) 787-1117 or <u>bzablots@pahousegop.com</u>. Thank you for your interest and support.

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