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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Chris Sainato, Democratic Chairman
Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee

DATE: January 24, 2011

SUBJECT: Re- Introduction of Legislation: Designating March 30 as
"Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" (Former HB 2357)

In the near future, I will re-introduce legislation designating March 30 of each year as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

In 1961, the United States entered the Vietnam Conflict under the advisement of policymakers, who believed the defeat of South Vietnam to a Communist Government would prompt the spread of communism throughout the remainder of Southeast Asia. During this conflict, which extended over a period of 14 years, more than 300,000 members of the United States Armed Forces were wounded and more than 58,000 were killed. Among those who perished, at least 3,400 were residents of Pennsylvania.

The contributions of our Vietnam veterans must not be forgotten. It is time we offer our admiration and gratitude to the brave men and women who served in the Vietnam Conflict, including all those who were injured, reported as missing in action or who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. I urge you to support this legislation, which would honor these individuals and recognize their dedication and service to this nation.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Amanda Wolfe via phone at (717)787-1994 or via e-mail at awolfe@pahouse.net.