

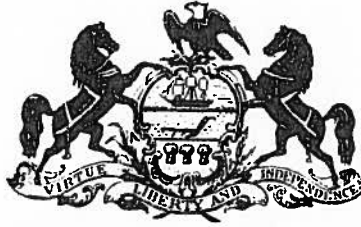
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Date: February 1, 2011
TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative RoseMarie Swanger
SUBJECT: Co-sponsor – Reintroduction of HB 87 (Fairchild)
**PROVIDING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
DECORATION OF VETERANS' GRAVES FUND**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will amend Act 2 of 1971, known as the Tax Reform Code by providing for a space on the Pennsylvania individual income tax return form where an individual may voluntarily contribute any amount to the Decoration of Veterans' Graves Fund. My proposal is the first of a two-bill package.

House Bill 88 of last session establishes the fund and will be reintroduced this session by Representative Kathy Rapp. Together these two bills will allow for increased funding for the procurement of flags and markers for the graves of those men and women who gallantly served our nation. In addition, it will help to alleviate some of the burden placed upon the county governments, which currently incur the cost of procurement.

In 2008, the General Assembly passed Acts 21, 22, and 23, which require placement of a bronze marker and a United States Flag on the graves of all honorably discharged veterans, including those who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines during World War II, and any organization officially connected with the military.

Please join me in recognizing the great service to our country that all of our veterans provide. This bill is supported by our veterans groups and the County Commissioners Association. My proposal, along with its counterpart that creates the Decoration of Veterans' Graves Fund, will provide necessary support to our counties and will simultaneously aid in honoring the lives of all those American citizens who served this great nation.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lily Horst at 787-2686, or via email to lhorst@pahousegop.com.

Previous Co-sponsors of HB 87: FAIRCHILD, BAKER, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOYD, BRENNAN, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HARRIS, HELM, HESS, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, KOTIK, MAJOR, MANN, MARSICO, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MICCARELLI, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, MURPHY, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, REICHLEY, ROHRER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, BEAR, KORTZ, EVERETT, HARPER, DENLINGER, K. SMITH, GINGRICH, MYERS, HORNAMAN, ROCK, HOUGHTON and HARHART