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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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MEMORANDUM

February 18, 2011

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Rep. Babette Josephs

SUBJECT: Legislation marking the occasion of International Women's Day in Pennsylvania

In the near future I will introduce legislation marking the occasion of International Women's Day in Pennsylvania.

International Women's Day was first observed in the United States in 1909 when women were campaigning for shorter work days for themselves and their children, better pay for their work and the right to vote.

Through turbulent decades of protests and appeals, doing what they deemed necessary to accomplish their goals, women have won for themselves, their sisters and their daughters much of what they envisioned, but the changing world persists in throwing up before women both perennial and new barriers that threaten to take back hard won gains and political leverage.

Maintaining and improving women's status - winning the right to work where jobs exist, to undertake training for better and safer jobs, to hold public office and to end discrimination against women in the workplace and in the public arena - continue to occupy women in developed and developing countries around the world. Some of those goals are still being fought for in the United States and in Pennsylvania. The need to recognize the efforts of women is especially important in these challenging times when economic conditions encourage the powerful in the name of saving taxpayer money to withdraw support for old and new initiatives that assist women in maintaining their own health, safety, and welfare and that of their families while working or studying to further improve their lives.

Should you care to cosponsor this congratulatory Resolution honoring the aspirations and accomplishments of women throughout history and today, please contact Jennifer Belz: jbelz@pahouse.net or 787-8529.

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