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Memorandum

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: Representative Robert F. Matzie

DATE: Friday, March 04, 2011

RE: Pennsylvania History Days and Charter Day in Pennsylvania Resolution

In the near future, I will introduce a resolution designating the Week of March 13 through 19, 2011 as Pennsylvania History Days and observing March 14, 2011 as Charter Day in Pennsylvania.

The resolution will commemorate the charter that King Charles II of England had granted William Penn to repay him for the large debt owed to Penn's father, Admiral Sir William Penn. It also will observe how William Penn wrote a Frame of Government that established a democratic system that our Commonwealth and nation now follow and how the history and fabric of Pennsylvania originated and grew from that point to create and establish Pennsylvania's overall heritage.

The resolution will urge state residents, schools and other educational institutions and patriotic, religious, historical and veterans groups to participate with any and all Charter activities held within the Commonwealth. It also will recognize the volunteers and other residents who keep history alive through their support and work for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania State Archives, the State Historical Records, the State Historical Records Advisory Board, the 23 other State Historic Sites and Museums and through numerous other historical organizations within the Commonwealth.

I hope you will join me in sponsoring this resolution. Please contact Keontay Hodge in my Capitol office at (717) 787-4444 or via email at khodge@pahouse.net to cosponsor the resolution. Thanks.