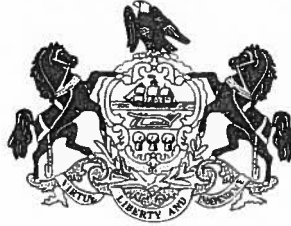


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Tina Pickett 
110th Legislative District

DATE: March 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – Establishing celestite as the state mineral of Pennsylvania.

In the near future, I will introduce legislation to establish celestite as the state mineral of Pennsylvania.

The official symbols of the Commonwealth are important because they help to differentiate our state from others. Most states have an official state dog, tree and flower, etc.; all of which helps to show what is important to that state.

I believe that denoting celestite, more commonly referred to as celestine, as the state mineral will not only pique the interest of school children across the state to learn more about Pennsylvania and its rich environment, but will also help educate the public about a uniquely beautiful mineral.

Celestine, which is found across Pennsylvania, is a pale blue in color and is famous for its colorful combination of minerals. The name itself comes from the Latin word for "celestial" and alludes to the typical bluish color. It was first discovered here in Pennsylvania in 1791 and is found worldwide.

Please contact my secretary, Jill, if you would like to cosponsor this legislation.

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