## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All House Members

**From:** Representative Matthew Bradford

Representative Curt Schroder

**Date:** April 6, 2011

**Subject:** Condolence Resolution Honoring the Life and Achievements of Congie DeVito

In the near future we will be introducing a condolence resolution honoring the life and achievements of Mr. Congie DeVito, who sadly passed away on February 16, 2011, at age 35.

Congie DeVito was born with over 25 broken bones resulting from a medical condition known as "Osteogenesis Imperfecta," commonly referred to as "Brittle Bone Disease." Over the course of his lifetime.

Congie overcame hundreds of broken bones and was confined to a wheelchair.

With sheer perseverance and determination, Mr. DeVito attended and ultimately graduated from Temple University with honors. In addition, Congie went on to pursue his career in the horse racing industry, an aspiration of his since childhood. He became the Director of Communications for West Point Thoroughbred, Inc., a renowned thoroughbred racing syndicate. For his loyalty and dedication, Congie Devito was bestowed with the distinguished honor of having a thoroughbred take on his namesake, aptly named "King Congie." Moreover, Temple University's Athletic Department created the "Congie DeVito Award," which is given to deserving athletes who exemplify the principles of loyalty and perseverance.

Mr. Congie DeVito's life served as a testament to the depth and scope of the human spirit. Therefore, I ask that you all join me in honoring the life and achievements of this remarkable individual.

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