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Memorandum

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Rick Mirabito 
DATE: April 11, 2011
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Resolution:
"National Flag Day"

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution that designates June 14, 2011 as "National Flag Day" in Pennsylvania.

The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States on June 14, 1777. Describing the new flag, the Congress wrote, "White signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; Blue signifies Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice." Over time, the flag's design evolved to keep pace with our Nation's development and growth, but its meaning as a symbol of democracy and freedom has remained constant.

After three decades of State and local celebrations, President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day by proclamation in 1916. Flag Day became a national observance by Act of Congress in 1949 and was signed into law by President Harry Truman. On August 3, 1949, to commemorate the adoption of the American flag, Congress designated June 14th of each year as "Flag Day".

On June 14, 2011, Americans will observe the 234th birthday of the United States flag. "National Flag Day" allows the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reflect on the flag's rich history and its meaning to Americans and people around the world.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Jeannie Kosier in my office at 772-1314 or Jkosier@pahouse.net. Thank you.