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Memorandum

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM

Representative Rick Mirabito

DATE:

April 13, 2011

SUBJECT:

Co-sponsorship Resolution:

"Career Nursing Assistants Day"

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution recognizing June 16, 2011 as "Career Nursing Assistants Day" in Pennsylvania.

Career nursing assistants are trained professionals who collaborate closely with physicians, nurses, therapists and other health care providers to provide quality care. Each day, they provide as much as 80 to 90 percent of the direct care to our nation's frail and elderly citizens in nursing homes and other long-term care settings. Additionally, they are instrumental in promoting and safeguarding the physical and mental well-being of clients and their families. Due to a growing demand for home health care services from an increasingly larger aging population, it is estimated that an additional 700,000 new positions will need to be filled by career nursing assistants within the next 25 years.

This resolution will designate June 16, 2011, as "Career Nursing Assistants Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage the citizens of this Commonwealth to express their appreciation to career nursing assistants for all the good work they do to care for our most vulnerable citizens.

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.