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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution – MECP2 Duplication Syndrome Awareness Month

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Dave Hickernell 

I intend to introduce a resolution which would designate the month of July, 2011 as MECP2 Duplication Syndrome Awareness Month in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

MECP2 Duplication Syndrome is a neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in boys and is usually caused by duplication of DNA on the Xq28 region of the chromosome. MECP2 Duplication Syndrome is characterized by hypotonia, developmental delay, mental retardation, limited or absent speech, constipation, reflux, ataxia, progressive spasticity, stereotyped movements of hands, teeth grinding, recurrent respiratory infections in 80%, epilepsy in 50% and developmental regression.

MECP2 Duplication Syndrome was not formally recognized until 2005 and research is currently taking place on this Syndrome with efforts to find effective treatments.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Cathy O'Donnell via e-mail at codonnel@pahousegop.com or by phone at (717) 783-2076.

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