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Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

April 27, 2011

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Ronald G. Waters, Chairman

Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus

SUBJECT:

Nelson Mandela International Day in Pennsylvania

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution to be observed each year, which will designate July 18, as Nelson Mandela International Day in Pennsylvania to join with the United Nations in recognizing the legacy of South Africa's Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President.

The United Nations General Assembly has declared July 18, Nelson Mandela's birthday, as Nelson Mandela International Day to celebrate a legacy of peace, reconciliation and love. The adoption of this resolution is a significant historical moment in world history. It is the first time that the United Nations has designated an international day in honor of one person.

Nelson Mandela spent more than 67 years serving his community, his country, and the world at large. On Nelson Mandela International Day, people are encouraged to devote just 67 minutes of their time to changing the world for the better, in a small gesture of solidarity with humanity, and in small steps, towards a continuous, global movement for good.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please call 717-772-6955 or e-mail Danielle Bowers at dbowers@pahouse.net.

Thank you.