

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Tony J. Payton, Jr.

DATE: April 29, 2011

RE: Co-sponsorship of resolution – Recognizing “World Asthma Day” on May 3rd

In the very near future, I plan to introduce a resolution recognizing May 3, 2011, as “World Asthma Day” in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Department of Health reports that 13 percent of all Pennsylvanians have been diagnosed with asthma at some point throughout their lives. With such a high prevalence of asthma in the Commonwealth and throughout the United States, it is safe to say we all know someone who deals with this common inflammatory disease.

“World Asthma Day” is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) and has been held annually since 1998. The American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic region joins with GINA to promote “World Asthma Day” and inform Pennsylvanians about the programs and activities they offer for families with asthma, including “Asthma Camps,” “Asthma Olympics,” and “Breathe Well, Live Well.” I believe it is important to set aside some time to talk about the resources available to those with asthma, and I hope you will join me in sponsoring this resolution to accomplish that goal.

If you would like to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Jorge Santana at (215) 744-7901 or via e-mail at jsantana@pahouse.net .