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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: The Honorable Vanessa Lowery Brown 

DATE: May 16, 2011

RE: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation -- Resolution Honoring Mastery Charter School's Oratorical Contest Winners

In the coming days, I plan to introduce a resolution honoring Mastery Charter School's 1st annual Black History Month Oratorical contest winners.

As many of you know, Mastery Charter Schools partnered with the School District of Philadelphia in 2001 to transform underperforming schools while promoting the highest standards of student achievement and readiness for scholastic education. In keeping with this mission, on February 25, 2011, Mastery Charter School's Shoemaker Campus conducted its first annual Black History Month Oratorical Contest. In the weeks leading up to the contest, students from the Shoemaker Campus delivered competitive speeches on themes relating to the definition of success and combating black-on-black crime to the importance of taking care of their communities and how they can play a role. Out of a competitive field of sixty students who competed, twelve were honored as winners and 1st runners up in the contest.

With their laudable achievements in mind, it is with the greatest honor that I am introducing this resolution recognizing these twelve bright and talented students. To that end, if you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Takesha Latham in my office at (717) 783-3822 or via email at Tlatham@pahouse.net.