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TO: **Members of the House of Representatives**  
FROM: **Representative Bill Kortz**   
SUBJECT: **"German-American Day" in Pennsylvania Resolution**

**MEMORANDUM**

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In the near future, I plan to introduce a Resolution recognizing June 28, 2011 as "German-American Day" in Pennsylvania.

Persons of German ancestry have contributed significantly to the social, economic, and religious fabric of the United States. German-Americans were staunch supporters of democracy, freedom of the press and were instrumental in writing the Declaration of Independence. During the Civil War, German-Americans campaigned for abolition of slavery and many German-born men formed regiments in order to protect the Union. Prominent Pennsylvanians of German heritage include Milton Hershey, Henry Heinz, Grace Kelly, and Frederick Muhlenberg, the first speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

I urge you to join me in supporting this legislation. If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Stephanie Jackson at 717-787-8175 or [sjackson@pahouse.net](mailto:sjackson@pahouse.net).