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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative *J.P.* Joseph Preston, Jr.

DATE: July 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation to Establish "Caylee's Law"

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would require parents or legal guardians to notify law enforcement of the death or disappearance of a child.

Specifically, this legislation would require legal guardians to notify police in a reasonable time period after the death or disappearance of a child. There are currently no laws regulating the timely reporting of a child's death or disappearance, as was highlighted by recent events surrounding the disappearance of Caylee Anthony, a two-year-old from Florida who was later found dead.

Delays in reporting such incidents to law enforcement can make it more difficult to collect evidence and may further endanger the life of a missing child. It is with this in mind that I believe this is an important issue for the General Assembly to address.

I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation. If you wish to do so, please call Wendy at 717-783-1017 or contact her by e-mail at WShearer@pahouse.net.