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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants

FROM: Representative Richard Mirabito

DATE: August 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation - Lance Corporal Abram Howard Memorial Bridge

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would redesignate the Duboistown Bridge, connecting Williamsport and Duboistown over the Susquehanna River, Lycoming County, as the Lance Corporal Abram Howard Memorial Bridge.

As you may know, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Abram L. Howard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on April 9, 2007, just before his graduation from Williamsport High School where he played football and wrestled. He became a third generation Marine and the 12th member of his family to enlist and serve. In December 2009, Lance Corporal Howard volunteered for deployment to Afghanistan where he was killed in action at the age of 21 on July 27, 2010, while serving our country in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

For his bravery, Lance Corporal Howard received the Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with distinguished "V" device, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Service Medal and NATO Medal.

My legislation would recognize the bravery and service of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Abram L. Howard as a Pennsylvanian who dedicated his life and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jeannie Kosier in my office at 717-772-1314 or jkosier@pahouse.net. Thank you.