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August 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: *LB* Senator Lisa Baker

SUBJECT: Resolution Designating September 29, 2011 as "Pennsylvania First Responder Appreciation Day"

As we approach the tenth anniversary of 9-11, please join me in co-sponsoring a resolution designating September 29, 2011 as "First Responder Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania. Although Pennsylvanians traditionally honor our police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and other public health officials every year, this year's tribute is especially poignant, as the nation commemorates the tenth anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 over Shanksville.

Pennsylvania has more than 150,000 first responders who serve in the front lines of any emergency, protecting the public, preserving order, and preventing the loss of life, peace and property. As evidenced by the stream of firefighters who ran into the burning Twin Towers buildings to rescue those trapped inside, these local heroes often place their own lives at risk in order to protect, serve and save others. This resolution will pay tribute to the selfless work, extraordinary skill and unparalleled grace under pressure of these first responders.

If you wish to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Liz Clancy at LClancy@pasen.gov or by phone at 787-7428.

Thank you.

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