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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 2011

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Chris Sainato, Democratic Chairman  
Representative Steve Barrar, Republican Chairman  
Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation: Resolution recognizing the dedication of  
the emergency response community regarding Hurricane Irene.

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In the near future, we plan to introduce a resolution that will recognize the dedication of the thousands of men and women who worked tirelessly in preparation for and the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

Throughout the Commonwealth, citizens experienced loss of power, flooding, and damages caused by Irene's high winds. Fire departments, law enforcement, utility workers, National Guard, and many others left their homes and families to assist others during this disaster.

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency released the following numbers associated with Hurricane Irene:

Fatalities:	3 confirmed fatalities
Injuries:	1 reported by Schuylkill County (firefighter)
Power Outages:	768,000 reported statewide
Shelters:	25 reported open with 592 Sheltered

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please call Harry Bucher in my office at 787-3557, or e-mail at [hbucher@pahouse.net](mailto:hbucher@pahouse.net).