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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM: REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE WILLIAMS BISHOP *LWB*
SUBJECT: CO-SPONSORSHIP – FORMER HR 487

When the House returns to session, I will be re-introducing a resolution designating the month of November, 2011, as “Sarcoidosis Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania.

For those of you not familiar with Sarcoidosis, it is a disease that causes masses of inflamed tissue, known as granulomas, to form on various organs of the body including, in rare cases, the brain. As a result, these granulomas may cause failure in those organs. I lost my son, Todd, to this disease in October, 2006

Sarcoidosis affects people of all ages and races worldwide but occurs at a higher rate among African-Americans, especially African-American women and young males. There is currently no available means of prevention. However, Sarcoidosis treatment and research would benefit from enhanced awareness and it is for this reason that I am introducing this legislation.

If you would be interested in joining me in co-sponsorship, please contact my office at 783.2192. Thank you.

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