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Memorandum

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Eddie Day Pashinski

DATE: September 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Resolution- “Music Education Advocacy Day”

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution designating Tuesday, October 4, 2011, as “Music Education Advocacy Day” in Pennsylvania.

The importance of music education in our schools cannot be downplayed. Music education programs enhance intellectual development and enrich the academic environment for students of all ages, as well as provide students with the opportunity to express their creativity and to develop skills that will benefit them throughout the rest of their lives. The skills gained through music instruction, including discipline and the ability to analyze, solve problems, communicate and work cooperatively, are vital for success in the 21st century workplace. As state legislators, we should be supportive of the Commonwealth’s music educators as they are committed to maintaining and improving school music programs for all students regardless of their background or abilities.

In fact, music education must continue to be an integral part of our state’s overall educational system. As shown by their involvement in this day of advocacy, music educators in Pennsylvania are committed to maintaining and improving school music programs for students of all socio-economic backgrounds and without regard to their musical abilities. With this in mind, it is fitting that we recognize the overall importance of music education in this state and the tireless efforts of music educators by setting aside Tuesday, October 4, 2011, as “Music Education Advocacy Day” in Pennsylvania.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Lauren Bordner in my Harrisburg office at lbordner@pahouse.net.