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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Santarsiero

DATE:

September 22, 2011

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship of a Joint Resolution to Amend the Constitution regarding Taxation for

honorably discharged or released veterans

In the near future I will introduce legislation proposing an amendment to the Constitution to exempt from residential real property taxes the surviving spouses of citizens and residents of the Commonwealth who were killed in action.

Currently, Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth exempts from real property taxes on the primary residence those honorably discharged or released residents of the Commonwealth who, because of their military service, are blind, paraplegic, or are amputees or are 100% disabled.

The surviving spouse of a military personnel killed in action should receive the same benefit of a spouse of a 100% disabled veteran. My legislation would address this inconsistency for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation please contact Kaitlin Mull in my office at 787-5475 or kmull@pahouse.net