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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Matt Smith

DATE: October 18, 2011

SUBJECT: National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Education Center Resolution

In the near future, I intend to introduce a resolution supporting the efforts of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) to construct an underground learning facility at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The proposed facility will be designed to educate future generations about the honor and sacrifices made by those who heroically served our country.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, commonly referred to as "The Wall," is engraved with the names of 58,272 heroes, including more than 3,100 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all who valiantly gave their lives in service to our country during the Vietnam War. VVMF was the driving force behind the funding for the construction of The Wall back in 1982. Currently, VVMF is spearheading a campaign to build an Education Center on an empty section of land situated across from The Wall and Lincoln Memorial Circle in Washington, DC. The center will provide interactive exhibits and primary source materials in an effort to provide visitors with a deeper understanding of the profound impact the Vietnam War had on their family members, their home towns, their communities, and the nation.

Both chambers of the U.S. Congress have unanimously authorized the building of the VVMF Education Center. Please join me in supporting this initiative and honoring our veterans.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Jamie Fetter at (717) 783-1850 or jfetter@pahouse.net.