



House of Representatives  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the House of Representatives  
**FROM:** Representative Brendan Boyle  
**DATE:** October 24, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship Resolution Honoring the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Statue of Liberty

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Shortly I will be introducing a resolution honoring the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

On October 28, 1886, the people of France bestowed the distinguished gift of the Statue of Liberty to the United States in celebration of its first 100 years as a nation and to recognize the friendship forged between the two nations during the American Revolution. While the Statue of Liberty would initially serve as a token of appreciation from one ally to another, over the years the statue would evolve into an international symbol of the principles and tenets on which the United States of America was founded — the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Prior to the advent of the airplane, Lady Liberty warmly greeted those traveling by ship into New York Harbor. Many were immigrants, such as my grandparents, entering the United States for the first time. In essence, the Statue of Liberty has come to represent the freedom, democracy, and justice which abound upon our shores. Therefore, it is with great pride that I would like to formally honor the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

If you would wish to join me as a co-sponsor of this resolution, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Kristen Womelsdorf at (717) 787-3055 or [KWomelsd@pahouse.net](mailto:KWomelsd@pahouse.net).