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# **MEMORANDUM**

To:

All House Members

From:

Representative Tim Mahoney

Date:

October 25, 2011

Re:

Resolution Honoring the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fallingwater

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution honoring the 75th anniversary of Fallingwater.

Fallingwater was designed in 1935 by Frank Lloyd Wright for the Edgar J. Kaufmann family of Pittsburgh, owners of Kaufmann's Department Store. The Kaufmann family used Fallingwater as a mountain retreat. Fallingwater was constructed from 1936-1938 and was featured on the cover of Time magazine in January 1938. The Kaufmann's owned and used the home until 1963, when it was entrusted to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The Conservancy has preserved Fallingwater since that time, conducting major structural repairs in 2002 to strengthen Fallingwater's cantilevers and to prevent future deflection. Fallingwater, which has attracted approximately four million visitors since 1964, is the only major Wright-designed house open to the public with its furnishings, artwork, and setting intact. Fallingwater is a National Historic Landmark and is being proposed by the United States as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site.

If you would like to co-sponsor this measure, please contact Esther Reever at (717) 772-2174 or ereever@pahouse.net.