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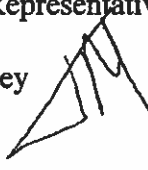
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Tim Mahoney 

DATE: November 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Request – Designating December as “Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Month.”

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution that will designate December as “Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Month.”

Each year, the Salvation Army provides much needed assistance to thousands of underprivileged individuals throughout the United States. Since the establishment of the organization in 1865, it has provided meals, clothing, and shelter to those in need, in addition to providing relief to disabled, elder, or ill individuals and victims of disasters. The Salvation Army is responsible for saving thousands of lives by providing assistance and continuing to raise the confidence in individuals that they can recover from the hardships that they face.

One of the most commonly recognized symbols of the Salvation Army is the “red kettle,” which is frequently seen during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. Because of this program, thousands of Christmas dinners are provided each year and millions of dollars are raised to provide deprived individuals with food, toys, utilities, shelter, childcare, drug treatment, and many additional programs each year. Without this program, local communities would not receive the much-needed assistance they deserve to improve the quality of life. The continuous assistance that is provided and the devotion of the organization is admirable, which is why I believe that designating December as “Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Month” is just one of many ways that we, as members of the General Assembly, can continue to support the Salvation Army in their movement to help those of poverty.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation to show our support to the Salvation Army, please do not hesitate to contact Esther Reever at 717-772-2174 or ereever@pahouse.net.