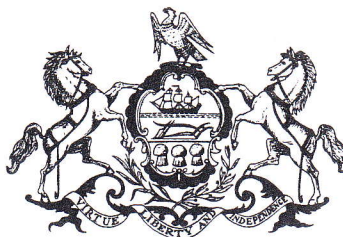


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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Patrick J. Harkins **P.J.H.**

Re: Condolence Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Former State Representative Linda  
Bebko-Jones

Date: December 1, 2011

In the near future, I will be introducing a condolence resolution honoring the life and service of Mrs. Linda Bebko-Jones, who sadly passed away on November 20, 2011, at the age of 65.

As many of you may remember, Mrs. Linda Bebko-Jones served as a member of our General Assembly from 1992 through 2006. A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Linda Bebko-Jones proudly represented the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District of Erie County, also achieving the historic milestone of becoming the first woman to hold this seat. Reared in a politically active family, Linda Bebko-Jones would initially orient herself into the field of social work. It was in this field and during her time as a legislative staffer that Linda Bebko-Jones would become a champion of issues such as women's rights, adoptee rights and of substance abuse treatment.

Elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1992, Linda Bebko-Jones would utilize her experiences as a social worker to cast light upon the issues directly affecting many of Pennsylvania's minorities and veterans. The deserving recipient of numerous awards and accolades acknowledging her public service, Linda Bebko-Jones' greatest achievement during her tenure with General Assembly was the passage of her House Bill 23, Act 28 of 1993, which provided the lawful recognition of "stalking" as a criminal act. A true trailblazer, Linda Bebko-Jones served not only as an advocate of social equality for the residents of Erie County, but for that of the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As such, I would like to formally acknowledge the contributions and the public service that Mrs. Linda Bebko-Jones has provided to our Commonwealth.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Terra Heilman via email at [THeilman@pahouse.net](mailto:THeilman@pahouse.net) or by calling 787-7406 x 6024.

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