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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative John Hornaman
DATE: December 13, 2011
SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing Erie County as the Freshwater Fishing Capital of Pennsylvania

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution recognizing Erie County as the Freshwater Fishing Capital of Pennsylvania.

Lake Erie offers a myriad of recreational opportunities, such as swimming, hiking, boating, and fishing at Presque Isle State Park and the 76.6 miles of Pennsylvania shoreline, which are located in Erie County. Many of these activities have always attracted residents from the northwestern portion of the state, but exceptional sportfishing is now attracting anglers from throughout the country. The lake, with its mix of warm and cold water, supports a variety of fish species that offer anglers a unique fishing experience.

While steelhead fishing occurs year round, fall and winter offer thrilling sportfishing opportunities for steelhead on the Erie County shoreline as these fish migrate upstream to spawn in local tributaries. The walleye is another gamefish eagerly sought by anglers. This member of the perch family provides fishermen young and old alike with plenty of excitement and has helped Lake Erie earn the distinction as the "Walleye Capital of the World."

Residents of the Erie County shoreline have long appreciated the region as a special natural resource offering breathtaking beauty and recreational activities, but the improved water quality, stewardship, and hospitality of Erie County residents have produced a fishing experience unparalleled in its quality and opportunities, annually attracting thousands of fishermen from throughout the country.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Carla Walker at 717-772-2297 or CWalker@pahouse.net.