

TO: All members of the General Assembly

FROM: Representative Harry Readshaw, Member, 36th Legislative District

DATE: January 13, 2012

RE: "Random Acts of Kindness" Week – February 15 - 21, 2012

In the near future, I will be introducing a Resolution declaring the week of February 13th through the 19th, 2012 as "Random Acts of Kindness Week" in Pennsylvania.

In 1995, the first-year event was celebrated in nearly every state with a heavy focus on Pennsylvania schools and residents. In fact, according to the Random Acts of Kindness Week Foundation, organizers of this grass roots event, Pennsylvania actually helped start this new Kindness Revolution that's sweeping the country. Participants set an example for others by going the extra mile, giving a cheerful note to a sad friend or coworker, letting another driver have their parking space, thanking people who don't normally get recognition, bringing hot chocolate to a favorite teacher or bus driver, giving flowers to a passerby.

The goal of this event, being facilitated by the Random Acts of Kindness Week Foundation, is to raise the "kindness consciousness: by enlightening as many people as possible about the beauty and power of kind acts. People from all walks of life support this important movement, schools, and businesses, Mayors' offices to service and youth clubs, churches and synagogues to hospitals and nursing homes. Through their participation, they hope to show others that simple kindness' such as words of praise, smiles or gestures, small or large, all contribute to the "rings of kindness" effect that will help change the focus in our country from anger to caring, from violence to harmony. If you wish any further information on how to organize efforts in your community contact the foundation on the internet at www.actsofkindness.org.

I hope you will support this Resolution in the effort to raise "kindness awareness" in this Commonwealth. If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Margaret Tricarico at 717-772-5568, Democratic Extension 6168, or by email at mtricarico@pahouse.net.

Thank you.