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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Representative P. Michael Sturla

Representative Scott W. Boyd

DATE:

February 13, 2012

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship of Resolution – Designating "Thaddeus Stevens Day"

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In the near future, we intend to introduce a resolution designating April 4, 2012, as Thaddeus Stevens Day in Pennsylvania. This will commemorate the 220th anniversary of the birth of this statesman, civil rights activist and philanthropist.

As you may be aware, Thaddeus Stevens was a lifelong public servant dedicated to ensuring justice, equality, and opportunity for all citizens. Stevens spent eight years in the Pennsylvania State Legislature and later represented Pennsylvania in the United States Congress from 1849 to 1853 and again from 1858 until his death in 1868. During his years in office, Thaddeus Stevens fought for the preservation of public education in Pennsylvania, emancipation of the slaves, passage of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and Reconstruction of the South after the Civil War. Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is named in his honor.

Please join us in co-sponsoring this resolution by contacting Representative Sturla's office at 787-3555 or by emailing Michelle Bohnke (mbohnke@pahouse.net).