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February 14, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Michelle F. Brownlee 

RE: Youth Violence Prevention Week in Pennsylvania Resolution

In the near future, I will introduce a resolution designating the week of March 19 through the 23 as "Youth Violence Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania. The resolution will serve as part of Pennsylvania's observance of the National Youth Violence Prevention Week organized the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and the Guidance Group and sponsored by a range of other non-profit groups with chapters and associations in Pennsylvania.

The week operates as part of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign. It has a goal to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents and the public on effective ways to prevent and/or reduce youth violence. The campaign uses observances such as the week and various outreach materials, activities, interactive workshops and information that show youth the positive role they can play in their schools and communities in order to make them safer places in which to learn and live. Additionally, adults surrounding them learn effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. The campaign's website, www.nyvpw.org, can provide more information on the initiative.

The campaign works for positive results that will galvanize youth and those who live in their communities at large to recognize and take a stand against prejudice, bullying, disrespect and risky behaviors in order to break the systemic chain of violence. I hope you will join me in this effort by co-sponsoring this resolution. You can do so by contacting Daisy Latham-Williams in my office at 717-787-3480 or via email at dlatham@pahouse.net. Thanks.