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February 22, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS

FROM: Representative Michelle F. Brownlee

RE: Professional Social Work Month Resolution

I will soon introduce an update of House Resolution 109 of 2011 to recognize March as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania. I consider this resolution important because those who give of themselves in social work do so with little concern for great monetary return, but receive true reward by seeing the fruits of their labors ripen by helping children, families and communities in need. This resolution serves as one way to recognize the hard work, care and commitment to the many people in this Commonwealth who daily tackle so many of the core problems in our neighborhoods.

Yes, social workers provide an invaluable service to our communities and to the Commonwealth by assisting people with social issues. Social workers connect individuals, families and entire communities to resources that can help children, families and communities cope, survive and hopefully gain the tools and methods needed to thrive. More than 600,000 individuals nationwide hold social work degrees. Social workers do their jobs in hospitals, prisons, police departments, mental health clinics, child welfare agencies, military facilities, adoption agencies, drug and alcohol treatment centers, schools, corporations and in many other fields of work.

I ask you to join with me and the National Association of Social Workers, Pennsylvania Chapter, in honoring these individuals who work in the field in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by co-sponsoring and otherwise giving your support to my legislation to designate March 2012 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania. Members who had co-sponsored the resolution last year were: SABATINA, ROEBUCK, BISHOP, READSHAW, M. O'BRIEN, MIRABITO, FREEMAN, FABRIZIO, SWANGER, ELLIS, SCAVELLO, SANTONI, LONGIETTI, GINGRICH, HESS, VULAKOVICH, MILLARD, HARHART, HICKERNELL, HARKINS, ROSS, HENNESSEY, MURT, PASHINSKI, BRADFORD, WATSON, NEUMAN, CALTAGIRONE, REICHLEY, GOODMAN, DONATUCCI, GILLESPIE and FARRY. Those

wanting to cosponsor the resolution should contact Daisy Latham-Williams in my office at 717-787-3480 or via email at dlatham@pahouse.net. Thanks.