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TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Sue Helm

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SUBJECT: World Voice Day

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, I am seeking your assistance in bringing public attention to the prevalence of voice disorders and ways that people can help preserve and protect their voices. Each year on April 16, otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons and other voice health professionals around the world join together to observe World Voice Day, a celebration of the human voice, which raises awareness about voice disorders. **I am respectfully asking that you join me in sponsoring a resolution observing April 16, 2012 as World Voice Day in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**

The theme for World Voice Day 2012, "*Your Voice Counts*," reminds us that our voice is essential for any number of basic activities that might be done on a given day - speaking with family or colleagues, placing an order in a restaurant, or just saying hello to a friend or spouse, etc. Often referred to as ENT doctors, otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons treat some of the most common medical disorders afflicting all Americans, including hearing loss and balance problems, snoring and sleep apnea, sinus and rhinological disorders, speech and swallowing problems, head and neck cancer, and of course - voice disorders.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Carol Henry at 787-1230 or via e-mail at chenry@pahousegop.com.

Thank you.