



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Jennifer L. Mann, Democratic Caucus Secretary *JLM*

DATE: April 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution Regarding Arthritis Awareness (Former HR 234)

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce House Resolution 234 to designate May 2012 as “Arthritis Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania.

Nearly 46 million Americans (one in five adults) have arthritis, which is the leading cause of disability in people over age 15. Arthritis refers to more than 100 different diseases that cause pain, swelling, and limited movement in joints and connective tissue throughout the body. Each year, arthritis costs the United States economy about \$86 billion in medical care and lost wages.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Kira Zickler via e-mail at kzickler@pahouse.net.

Previous co-sponsors of HR 234 were: Mann, Baker, Bear, Bishop, Bradford, Brennan, Briggs, Brooks, Caltagirone, Causer, Clymer, Cohen, Conklin, D. Costa, Davis, Day, Deluca, DiGirolamo, Everett, Fabrizio, Fleck, Freeman, Geist, Gibbons, Gillen, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Goodman, Grell, Grove, Harhart, Harkins, Hennessey, Hess, Hickernell, Hornaman, M. K. Keller, Killion, Kirkland, Knowles, Kortz, Kula, Longietti, Mahoney, Major, Marshall, Marsico, Matzie, McGeehan, Micozzie, Millard, Miller, Milne, Mirabito, Moul, Mullery, Murt, Mustio, Oberlander, M. O'Brien, Parker, Pashinski, Pickett, Pyle, Quinn, Rapp, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Reichley, Rock, Roebuck, Ross, Sainato, Santoni, Saylor, Scavello, K. Smith, Staback, Stern, Swanger, Vereb, Vulakovich, Watson, Youngblood, Kavulich, Gabler and Donatucci.