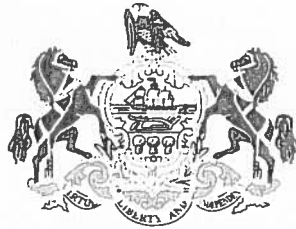


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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 16, 2012

To: All House Members

From: Representative Carl Walker Metzgar
69th Legislative District

Re: Co-sponsorship of a resolution honoring the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium's International Conservation Center (ICC) for their efforts to preserve the African Elephant

I plan on introducing a resolution which would honor the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium's International Conservation Center (ICC) for their work to preserve the African Elephant.

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium's International Conservation Center (ICC), located within my district, is home to a number of endangered wildlife species which are kept in captivity for the purposes of breeding and species preservation, including the African Elephant.

The ICC has been internationally recognized as a leader in the field of elephant husbandry through such projects as the "Project Frozen Dumbo" and the Botswana Elephant Rescue. "Project Frozen Dumbo", was a successful effort to use native African elephants to artificially inseminate elephants in America in an effort to increase the genetic diversity of the species. Additionally, the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium's Botswana Elephant Rescue was a successful project through which three African elephants were saved from execution and brought to the ICC for preservation and breeding.

These projects exemplify the Zoo's commitment to biodiversity and to species survival, while furthering its mission of fostering positive, lifelong connections between animals and people.

If you would like to join me in honoring this noble institution, please contact Brandy Brown in my Capitol office at 717-783-8756 or via email bbrown@pahousegop.com. Thank you.

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