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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Ronald G. Waters

SUBJECT: Request for Co-Sponsorship

DATE: June 28, 2012

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In the near future, I intend to introduce a resolution celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. Cheyney University holds the distinction of being the oldest institution in the nation to educate African Americans. Founded in 1837 by Richard Humphrey as the Institute for Colored Youth, Cheyney University has created a well-rounded experience for its students by promoting academic excellence, providing global exposure through study abroad programs, and enhancing their professional development through internships offered.

Over the past 175 years, Cheyney University has excelled in providing students of diverse backgrounds with access to higher education. The current mission of the University is, "to prepare confident, competent, reflective, visionary leaders and responsible citizens." The mission of the University continues to be fulfilled as more than 10,000 alumni have pursued careers as educators, journalists, medical professionals, business leaders, scientists, lawyers, and public servants. They understand the importance of education, community service, and diversity all values imparted during their matriculation at Cheyney University. Alumni have made long-lasting contributions to their local communities, our nation, and world.

Please join me in celebrating this amazing achievement with Cheyney University President, Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital, students, alumni, and friends of Cheyney University, by co-sponsoring this resolution. If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Nilda Jenkins at (717) 772-6955 or via e-mail at [njenkins@pahouse.net](mailto:njenkins@pahouse.net).