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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Stewart J. Greenleaf 
SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – **Conflict Resolution Day**

I am introducing a resolution designating October 18, 2012 as “Conflict Resolution Day” in Pennsylvania. The Association for Conflict Resolution Board of Directors adopted a resolution designating the third Thursday in October as Conflict Resolution Day in order to increase public awareness about conflict resolution and its many benefits. The first Conflict Resolution Day was celebrated in 2005.

The Association for Conflict Resolution is a professional organization focused on enhancing the practice and public understanding of conflict resolution. It is the nation’s largest professional association for mediators, arbitrators, educators and other conflict resolution practitioners.

Conflict Resolution Day was conceived to promote awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other creative peaceful means of resolving conflict; to promote the use of conflict resolution in schools, families, businesses, communities, governments and the legal system; to recognize the significant contributions of peaceful conflict resolvers; and to obtain national synergy by having celebrations happen across the country and around the world on the same day.

The American Bar Association declared the third week in October “ABA Mediation Week” building on the efforts of many other national, state and local organizations, including the Association for Conflict Resolution. The ABA Mediation week will be held during the week of October 14 through 20 this year.

I was encouraged to introduce this resolution by the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and the information for the resolution and this memo largely came from an article in the committee’s publication *Arbitration & Mediation* (Vol. 15, No. 4, Fall 2011).

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Pat Snively of my office by e-mailing her at psnively@pasen.gov.