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TO:

**All Senators** 

FROM:

Senator Elder Vogel, Jr.

DATE:

August 30, 2012

**SUBJECT:** 

Co-Sponsorship: Resolution to honor Medal of Honor recipient Army

Sergeant Leslie Sabo, Jr.

I will be introducing a resolution recognizing Army Sergeant Leslie Halasz Sabo, Jr. who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, by President Obama. He was from Ellwood City, located in my district.

On May 1, 1970, the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division was ordered into Cambodia in an attempt to root out the North Vietnamese safe havens that were used as a platform for the Tet offensive. On May 10, 1970, while on a mission to find and destroy North Vietnamese bases in Cambodia, Sergeant Sabo's company was ambushed. Sergeant Sabo put himself in the line of fire to protect his fellow soldiers. While being mortally wounded, Sergeant Sabo managed to silence the enemy and save his platoon at the cost of his own life.

Sergeant Sabo went above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to the Medal of Honor, he was awarded numerous meritorious awards for his conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepid leadership. Ellwood City will unveil a monument in his honor during September, and Pennsylvania will honor him with a ceremony at Soldier's Grove behind the Capitol in October.

Please join me in cosponsoring this resolution by contacting Kacie Morrell at 787-3076 or by email at kmorrell@pasen.gov.

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