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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Matt Gabler

**DATE:** September 5, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Designating October 2012 as “Agent Orange Recognition Month” in Pennsylvania

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation designating the month of October as “Agent Orange Recognition Month,” in Pennsylvania

As you may know, almost 500,000 Pennsylvanians served during the Vietnam War and more than 170,000 participated in the war to protect our National Interests in the Eastern Asian region. During the Vietnam War, more than 20 million gallons of a chemical defoliant was released to rid the country of its jungle growth and crops.

As a result of releasing the chemical defoliant, many Armed Forces personnel suffered from many illnesses from exposure to the chemical and many have died as well. Such illnesses as Type II diabetes, Hodgkin’s disease and non-Hodgkin’s disease lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers, and soft-tissue sarcomas.

To that end, please join me in sponsoring this resolution to recognize the dedication and sacrifice—and in many cases the ultimate sacrifice—of these brave veterans who have honorably served our great nation.

If you wish to sponsor this legislation, please contact Alexandra Baldivieso in my Harrisburg office at 717-260-6142 or email at [abaldivi@pahousegop.com](mailto:abaldivi@pahousegop.com).