| TO: | Members of the General Assembly |
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| FROM: | Representative Harry Readshaw |
| DATE: | September 13, 2012 |
| RE: | Co-sponsorship – Honoring Pittsburgh Steelers Ryan Clark |

Upon our return to Harrisburg, I will be introducing a Resolution honoring Pittsburgh Steelers player Ryan Clark for his contributions and great concern in his fight against sickle cell anemia.

Sickle cell anemia is a blood disorder that occurs in approximately 1 in 500 African-American births and 1 in 900 Hispanic-American births with approximately two million Americans being afflicted with the disease according to the American Sickle Cell Anemia Association.

Ryan Clark has teamed up with the University of Pittsburgh's Vascular Medicine Institute on a campaign to raise awareness and funds for the fight against this potentially fatal disease and work toward a cure and saving lives.

If you wish to cosponsor this Resolution, please contact Margaret Tricarico at 717-772-5568, Democratic Extension 6168, or by email at <u>mtricari@pahouse.net</u>.

Thank you