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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Dave Argall 

DATE: September 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution Honoring Dr. Maurice K. Goddard
Founding Secretary of the PA Department of Environmental Resources

In the next few weeks, I will be introducing a resolution honoring the contributions of Dr. Maurice K. Goddard to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Maurice K. Goddard was born on September 13, 1912 in Lowell, Massachusetts. In his early years, he earned degrees in forestry and eventually moved to Pennsylvania where he served under five Pennsylvania Governors as Secretary of Forests and Waters (1955-1970) and as the founding Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources (1970-1979).

Dr. Goddard's legacy as a public servant includes a commitment to professionalism and civil service, a goal of a state park within 25 miles of every Pennsylvania citizen, a watershed scale approach to water management and dedicated funding for natural resource conservation.

Dr. Goddard has had a profound influence on national conservation policy, significantly expanded the state park system, established state forest wild and natural areas and was a leader in air and water resource management. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Delaware River Basin compact as well as the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

If you would like to cosponsor this resolution honoring Dr. Goddard on the 100th anniversary of his birth, please contact Susan Bentzel at sbentzel@pasen.gov or 7-2637.