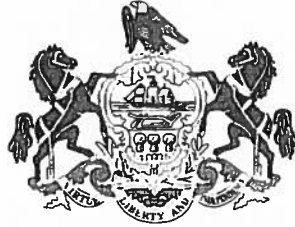


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Rep. Mark Gillen  
**DATE:** September 13, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – **Anniversary of Cadet Program of the Civil Air Patrol**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation recognizing the month of October, 2012, as the 70 year anniversary of the Cadet Program for the Civil Air Patrol in Pennsylvania.

As you may know, the Civil Air Patrol is celebrating its 70 year anniversary and will honor those men and women who have served and continue to serve their country through the noble organization. The foundation of the Civil Air Patrol was a fledgling group of volunteer civilian pilots who used their own resources and planes to support America's efforts in World War II. Since 1941, Civil Air Patrol members continue to serve their fellow citizens through search and rescue missions, aerospace education, and the cadet program for children and young adults.

As a result of the success of the Civil Air Patrol, the demand for a nation-wide cadet program has continued for the past 70 years. While the purpose of the program during World War II was to train cadets to assist in operational tasks and work towards achieving a pilot's license, cadets today focus on leadership and career training in many fields while becoming model leaders for their communities and our country. Currently, there are over 26,000 cadets in over 1,600 local units.

I believe it is both fitting and appropriate that we recognize the dedication and sacrifice many of these men and women have made in choosing to serve in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. In doing so, Pennsylvania should recognize the program's 70 year anniversary this October.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Michelle Clabaugh, [mclabaug@pahousegop.com](mailto:mclabaug@pahousegop.com), in my Harrisburg office at 787-8550.