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# MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS**

**FROM: REPRESENTATIVE JERRY STERN  
REPRESENTATIVE RICK GEIST  
REPRESENTATIVE MIKE FLECK**

**DATE: September 13, 2012**

**SUBJECT: COSPONSORSHIP OF LEGISLATION  
150<sup>th</sup> Loyal War Governors' Conference Resolution**

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We are planning to introduce a resolution commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Loyal War Governors' Conference, which will be celebrated with a series of events in Altoona September 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>.

The Loyal War Governors' Conference occupies a special place in US history as a hallmark political and moral moment of the Civil War. Convened in Altoona on September 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 1862, by Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Curtin, the conference of 13 northern governors met to issue a declaration in support of a more forceful prosecution of the war and in favor of the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been announced just days earlier by President Lincoln. This landmark declaration affirmed the governors' support of the administration's policies to preserve the Union and gave strength to the president's emancipation efforts

The 150th anniversary will be celebrated in Altoona for four days starting September 27<sup>th</sup>, with free lectures, films, exhibits, interactive displays, reenactments and a visit by the Pennsylvania Civil War Roadshow. If you or any of your constituents are interested in attending, visit its Website: <http://blaircivilwar.blogspot.com/>

A copy of the resolution is attached. Please call Laura Wagner-Miller at 787-9020 if you would like to be added as a co-sponsor.

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