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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Matt Smith
DATE: October 1, 2012
SUBJECT: Introduction of "Day of the Girl" Resolution

In the very near future, I plan to introduce a resolution designating October 11, 2012 as "Day of the Girl" in Pennsylvania.

On December 19, 2011, the United Nations established October 11, 2012 as the "International Day of the Girl Child," which was supported and co-sponsored by the United States and 97 other countries. The "Day of the Girl" campaign calls on communities across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many injustices such as violence, discrimination, child labor, early marriage and economic inequality. The goal of the "Day of the Girl" campaign is to commence an open dialogue regarding the issues that many young girls face and to empower them to fight for their rights and equality.

This resolution will reinforce the General Assembly's support of increasing girls' participation in sports, science and math-related activities, high school graduation rates, and providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls' potential, and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams.

Please join me, along with The Women and Girls Foundation of Southwest Pennsylvania, iTwixie, Girls Scouts, The Southwest PA Girls Coalition, and other organizations throughout the state in celebrating this first annual Day of the Girl.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Jamie Barton in my office via email at jbarton@pahouse.net or via phone at 717-783-1850.