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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Matt Bradford
Representative Mike Vereb

DATE: October 3, 2012

RE: Resolution Recognizing the Members of Boy Scout Troop 313 of Audubon, Pennsylvania

In the near future, we plan to introduce a resolution recognizing the members of Boy Scout Troop 313 of Audubon, Pennsylvania, for their heroic efforts in saving a man's life and providing assistance to fellow scouts in a time of great need.

On June 16, 2012, a troop leader of Boy Scout Troop 538, located in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, experienced a serious accident while hiking at Ricketts Glen State Park. The troop leader fell nearly 40 feet into a rocky ravine while leading members of Troop 538 on a hike. Members of Troop 538 immediately began to climb down into the ravine to administer first aid to the troop leader.

Members of Troop 313 of Audubon, Pennsylvania, arrived at the scene at nearly the same time, as they too were hiking the trail. The two troops quickly decided that Troop 313 should take over the administration of first aid, while the victim's son, an Eagle Scout, and other members of Troop 538 rushed to a park ranger's station to seek help and arrange for a wilderness rescue. Members of Troop 313 kept the victim immobile and calm for nearly three hours while waiting for emergency personnel to arrive. Members of Troop 313 also assisted in the emergency ravine extraction and, upon reaching the top of the ravine, assisted in carrying the injured individual to an awaiting ATV for transport. One scout remained with the victim and emergency personnel, continuing to provide support and first aid to the victim until he was airlifted to a hospital for further treatment.

The victim endured several life-threatening injuries and later recalled that all scouts present were calm, reassuring, and highly competent in the administration of first aid. Both troops exhibited exemplary communication, organization, and leadership skills.

If you would like to co-sponsor this measure, please contact Deb Bricker at (717) 772-2572 or at dbricker@pahouse.net.