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September 27, 2011

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Tony DeLuca

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony DeLuca", with a horizontal line underneath.

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution – October, Italian Heritage Month

I will be introducing a Resolution recognizing October as “Italian Heritage Month”.

Italian heritage is richly entwined in the history of our country. This heritage did not begin and end with the well-known voyages of Christopher Columbus, but continues to the present day in fields of exploration, science, the arts, literature, as well as business and development.

Italians and those of Italian descent have made remarkable contributions to our nation; the list is quite long. American history is replete with citizens of Italian lineage, including the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the U.S. Constitution. Italian-Americans have fought in every war from the Revolutionary War, to recent conflicts; and have served with distinction, including several Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. Italian-Americans were instrumental in building and developing many of our major cities; Italian immigrants built bridges and roads that we use today. Several major U.S. universities have been founded and directed by Italian-Americans, and valuable discoveries in science and medicine are credited to those of Italian heritage as well.

If you wish to join me as a co-sponsor of this resolution, please send an email to chaldi@pahouse.net. Thank you.

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