

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Chelsa Wagner
DATE: September 29, 2011
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Resolution Commemorating the 2011 National Convention of the German American National Congress

In the near future I will be introducing a resolution that will commemorate the 2011 National Convention of the German American National Congress, which will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 27-30, 2011.

The City of Pittsburgh has been given the distinguished honor of hosting the 2011 National Convention of the German American National Congress, also known as the Deutsch Amerikanischer National Kongress (DANK) this year. As many of you are aware, DANK was founded in 1959 in Chicago, Illinois, and was established for the purpose of unifying German-Americans in the face of widespread ethnic tensions which resulted following the events of World War II.

During a period in American history when German-Americans were marginalized and repudiated, DANK played a vital role in unifying German-Americans by providing them with a greater sense of their culture and heritage, as well as powerful and influential national voice. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I would like to commemorate the 2011 National Convention of the German-American National Congress.

If you would wish to join me as a co-sponsor of this measure, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Johnathan Detrick at JDetrick@pahouse.net .