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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Thomas J. Quigley

146th Legislative District

DATE:

November 1, 2011

SUBJECT:

Veterans Service Organization Participation Fee

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will add a new section to Title 51 (Military Affairs) which will prohibit a municipality from charging a participant or entry fee to a veterans service organization for their participation in any parade or function that recognizes or celebrates Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

The charging of a fee to veterans groups to participate in such events is a dishonor to veterans and those currently serving. These celebrations are a very special tradition where communities can gather together to honor those who have served, and died, to preserve our liberties. We can never thank our veterans enough for the sacrifices they have made to our nation, and we must do all that we can to encourage veterans to take part in these commemorative occasions.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact my office by calling Lauren Pacella at 717-772-9963 or email her at lpacella@pahousegop.com.