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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Mark M. Gillen
408 Irvis Office Building

RE: 70th Anniversary of "Doolittle's Raiders"

DATE: January 30, 2012

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution in honor of the 70th anniversary of Doolittle's Raiders attack on the mainland of Japan during World War II.

In April 1942, Lt. Col. James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle led sixteen bombers in an unprecedented and dangerous mission to strike a strategic psychological blow to the Japanese. The boost to American morale made this mission a success, which set the stage for future American victories, such as at the Battle of Midway.

Due to their heroism in this attack, all 80 crewmembers received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Three men were killed or fatally injured during the mission; several more were captured and either executed or imprisoned. Many who survived continued to fly missions for the United States during the remainder of World War II.

Lt. Col. Doolittle was awarded the Medal of Honor for leading the mission. Please join me in commemorating the 70th anniversary of this significant event and honoring the sacrifice of the brave Doolittle's Raiders.

If you would like to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Michelle Clabaugh via email at mclabaug@pahousegop.com or by calling 787-8550. Thank you.

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