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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Peter J. Zug
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation
DATE: April 17, 2000

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PJZ", written over the "FROM" line of the memorandum.

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which would allow school districts to grant World War II veterans, who did not graduate from high school due to wartime service, an honorary high school diploma.

Several other states have adopted this "operation recognition" provision in their public school codes, and many veterans organizations across Pennsylvania have requested that this provision be added to the Commonwealth's Public School Code.

If you should wish to become a cosponsor of this legislation, please contact Kim Chrysler via groupwise or at 7-2686.



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Mr. Edward Lazarian
PO Box 553
West Dennis, MA 02670

Dear Mr. Lazarian:

I am writing to you in regard to your recent correspondence concerning House Bill 2518 which I have prime-sponsored. It was indeed a pleasure to hear from you.

As you are aware, HB 2518 authorizes school districts, if they choose, to award honorary high school diplomas to WWII veterans who did not graduate from high school due to their WWII military service. This legislation serves as an honorarium to those men and women who spent their formative high school years overseas on the battlefields of Europe and Asia, rather than in the classrooms of their local school.

At the present time, HB 2518 unanimously passed committee and is awaiting a floor vote by the full membership of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I am hopeful that this floor vote will take place in October when the House resumes its legislative session.

I assure you that I will do everything possible to bring this important legislative proposal into fruition, and I will keep you abreast of any future movement on this legislation. As well, I have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of HB 2518 for your review.

Thank you for writing to my office on this important matter. It is always a pleasure to hear from supporters of my legislative endeavors. As well, on behalf of myself and the Pennsylvania General Assembly, I would like to personally thank you for your honored military service to your country. We, the citizens of this great country and Commonwealth, truly are the benefactors of your great sacrifices.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PJZ", written over a horizontal line.

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER
102nd Legislative District

PJZ/kc

Enclosure



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Dear Rep. Zug,

July 24, 2000

I am a WW II veteran who left Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, PA to join the U.S. Navy on May 28, 1941. Through a long process of phone calls I was able to contact Senator's Lopers office and was give you name. I was pleased to find out that you are sponsoring a bill to give WW II veterans who left school to join the armed forces their diplomas. The enclosed articles from the Orlando Sentinel spurred me on to find out more on ^{this} program. Please let me know what is happening with you bill, and put me on your list. I have contacted the records department of the Philadelphia School Department and I should have them when needed. Your bill is a great service to all the veterans who it applies to and I thank you for your interest in this matter.

Thank you again,

Edward Lazarian
508-344-7761

