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TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Peter J. Zug *PJZ*

DATE: September 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution - "The Mighty Eighth Air Force Week"

I plan to introduce a resolution designating October 8 through October 14, 1999, as "The Mighty Eighth Air Force Week".

If you are interested in cosponsoring this resolution, please contact Kim Chrysler at:

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THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pennsylvania Chapter Honors one of its own (WWII)
ARCHIBALD MATHIES, recipient (posthumously) of the "Medal of Honor".

100 East Herman Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042-7114
30 August 1999

Honorable Peter Zug
House of Representatives
House Post Office Box 202020
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Dear Representative Zug:

Thanks for returning my call and for offering to request Governor Ridge to sign the inclosed suggested Proclamation declaring the period of October 8 - 14 to be *The Mighty Eighth Air Force Week* in Pennsylvania. Similar requests are being made by the national Eighth Air Force Historical Society to the President of the United States, members of Congress, Governors of all fifty States, and Mayors of cities and towns all over our great country.

As you can see in our proposed declaration, the seven day period is indeed a significant and sacred one, and a highly honored one to those of us who served in *The Mighty Eighth*. Through the Governor's participation we hope that others will join us in celebrating the accomplishments of *The Mighty Eighth*. These significant accomplishments were the spearhead of American involvement in the European/North African conflict during World War II, making it possible for our Allied armies to invade the continent and achieve victory.

The Eighth Air Force Historical Society is one of the largest single military unit veterans group with approximately 20,000 members nationally. Here in Pennsylvania, our Pennsylvania Chapter of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society has been organized since 1991 and numbers over 750 dues paying veterans of the Eighth Air Force.

We are also desirous of arranging a photo opportunity with the Governor for publicity in the newspapers in Pennsylvania and for the 8th AF NEWS magazine of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society. Is such an arrangement possible? In the photo, we would want to include a few members of our Pennsylvania Chapter who served in England during the war years.

Again, thank you, Pete, for your help.

Sincerely,

FRANK H. SMOKER, JR.
Major General, USAF (Retired)
Chapter President, 8th AFHS

"The Mighty Eighth"

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MEMO TO: THE HONORABLE MATTHEW RYAN
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE PETER J. ZUG 

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF TODAY'S GUESTS

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 1999

I am pleased to introduce guests of Representative Peter Zug who are here today on behalf of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society for the passage of House Resolution 239 "The Mighty Eighth Air Force Week Resolution.

The guests are Frank H. Smoker, Jr., Major General, USAF (Retired). General Smoker is also the Pennsylvania Chapter President of the Eighth Air Force. Also present today is Mr. Robert Wills, also a member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society.

Please extend your usual warm welcome.



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The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge
Governor of the Commonwealth
Room 225, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Governor Ridge:

On Tuesday, October 5, 1999, Frank H. Smoker, Jr., Major General, USAF (Retired) and Robert Willis will be in the Capitol to receive recognition from the House of Representatives on behalf of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society.

Your office is also in the process of preparing recognition for the Eighth Air Force. We would be honored if you or your designee would be able to make a presentation to General Smoker. General Smoker is the Pennsylvania Chapter President of the Eighth Air Force.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Zug".

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER
102nd Legislative District

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cc: Pete Gleason



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Yesterday the Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed unanimously a resolution declaring Oct 8th to October 14th as the Mighty Eighth Air Force Week in Pennsylvania. Witnessing the passage of HR 239 which was sponsored by Representative Peter J. Zug was Frank Smoker and Bob Willis who both served in the 325th squadron of the 92nd bomber group of the Mighty Eighth. Additionally Representative Zug presented a similar proclamation from Governor Ridge to General Smoker and Mr. Willis.

In the enclosed picture are left to right General Smoker, Speaker Pro Tempore Patricia Vance, Representative Peter Zug and Bob Willis.

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