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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE PETER ZUG

DATE: June 14, 2005

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Joint Resolution (KIA)

In the near future, I will be introducing a joint resolution which amends the Constitution by allowing the surviving unmarried spouse of a Pennsylvania military service member, who is Killed in Action (KIA), to be eligible for the Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program under Title 51, Chapter 89.

Under Title 51 and Article VIII, Section 2 (c), only the unmarried spouse of an eligible "disabled" veteran is qualified to receive this tax exemption, the law and our Constitution does not allow for the unmarried spouse of KIA's to participate in this program. My legislation will allow financially challenged spouses to be exempt from their property tax, upon approval of the State Veterans Commission, and will ease the financial hardships that often occur when a spouse is killed in military combat. This legislation is supported by Governor Rendell, the State Veterans Commission and the PA War Veterans Council.

If you are interested in being a co-sponsor, please contact Lori Losch at 787-2686 or llosch@pahousegop.com.



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