

Remarks

Mom's House Award

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*Volunteers
staff - guests*

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(Usual Greetings and Acknowledgements)

It is a pleasure to be here today to represent my boss, Rep. Tangretti, and accept the Solution of Hope Award on his behalf.

Tom and I have worked together for more than 20 years, and I can attest to the strength and endurance of his commitment to the pro-life cause.

It is unshakable at a time when too many elected public officials tiptoe through this issue with one wet finger held high to test

shut out of the new system of WAMs, now
known as Ridgies.

Let's hope that these matters soon get
straightened out. That no state funds are used
to support the ^{abortionists} ~~anti-child~~ agenda and that
~~WAMs~~, legislative initiative grants, Ridgies or
whatever they are called are distributed fairly.

But most importantly, let us continue to
do the work that Mom's House has pioneered:
The work of building within our neighborhoods
and communities the systems of support for
those who come to us in their distress and in
their need.

Neither you nor he stand alone, but are part of a larger body of Pennsylvanians who share your values and who are the force behind the bipartisan pro-life coalition in the legislature.

And he wanted me to mention the deep disappointment pro-life legislators felt at the treatment they received from Governor Ridge who vetoed their efforts to prohibit state funding for organizations that promote ^{ABORTION,} ~~the anti-~~ ~~child agenda.~~ ~~abortion.~~

Legislators who have supported the pro-life cause with legislative initiative grants are also displeased when pro-life organizations are

the changing winds of public opinion.

As he said in his letter accepting your award, "Mom's House has chosen to be the voice for those who have no voice. In protecting human life, you uphold our noblest values and protect us all, and I am proud to stand with you."

Representative Tangretti stands with you in your dedication to providing services to needy and troubled women.

He stands with you in the services you provide for the children and for their material needs during their infancy.

If we could take Mom's House as a
model of how to restore the civil society that
America once knew... a society of caring
families, neighbors and communities...we
would have a place where children would once
again be welcome.

Let us hope and pray...and continue to
work...to create the place where every house
is Mom's House.