

## **FIRE DINNER**

**Thank you, John..... I would briefly like to thank the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute, and its membership, for the outstanding assistance that you have offered not only to the committee I chair, but to the entire State Legislature.**

**It has indeed been a watershed year for your organization, ..... in regard to the successful achievement of several proactive safety measures for the communities in our great Commonwealth.**

**I would like to congratulate you for a job well-done, ..... and I look forward to working closely with your organization once again in the next legislative session.**

**As you may be aware, I will be introducing legislation tomorrow that calls for the establishment of an “Emergency Responder Plaza,” ..... which will serve as a place of education, recognition and remembrance for those who serve or have served the Commonwealth in their capacity as a firefighter, police officer, emergency medical services technician-paramedic or in a rescue service capacity.**

**My legislation, if enacted, would designate that the common area between the newly constructed Keystone Building and the State Museum ..... to be known as “Emergency Responder Plaza.”**

**This legislation will not be addressed before the New Year; ..... nonetheless, ..... the introduction of the legislation will facilitate future discussions on this important issue ..... which then will hopefully lead to the future establishment of this much-needed place of honorarium.**

**Thank you for inviting me here tonight, and thank you for being there to answer the call when your communities need you most.**

**We, the citizens of this great Commonwealth, ..... truly are the benefactors of your great sacrifices.**

**Thank you, and enjoy your 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire and Emergency Services Institute dinner celebration.**