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GETTYSBURG, Jan. 8 -- Noting that legislative effectiveness improves with seniority, state Rep. Kenneth Cole, D-Adams, today announced he will seek a sixth term as the representative of the 91st Legislative District.

In making his announcement Cole said continued service in the legislature "brings greater influence on matters of policy which can provide direct results in the district."

Now beginning his 10th year in the state House, Cole is chairman of the House Federal-State Relations Committee, chairman of a special task force to study export trade in the Commonwealth and is Pennsylvania's representative on the governing board of the National Conference of State Legislatures. He is also a member of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Cole said each of these appointments offer a direct link to the improvement of life for Adams County residents.

"This year the Federal-State Relations Committee has accepted responsibility for investigating the state's role in saving the Chesapeake Bay," Cole said. "It has been determined that much of the problem comes from agricultural run-off and the solution will require active participation by agricultural producers.

"As chairman of the committee I am working to ensure that any state program to save the bay will not place unnecessary burdens on area farmers and that any program devised to save the bay will be economically beneficial to the farming community."

Cole said he was also able to work through the committee to arrange a meeting with representatives of county farmers associations to discuss governmental responses to last summer's drought. He said he would be using his contacts with the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to seek further assistance for farmers suffering from the drought.

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Adams County's agricultural interests will also be represented in the task force study of export trade. Cole said that the Commonwealth's number one industry "should play a prominent role in export policy decisions on the state and federal levels.

In addition to improving agricultural exports, Cole said the task force would focus on ways to encourage greater export activity among small and medium sized businesses.

Cole has also been an active member of a special task force studying ground-water contamination in the Commonwealth. He is currently arranging a task force hearing in Adams County to discuss the well contamination throughout the county and particularly in Cumberland and Straban Townships.

Cole's legislative agenda also features the sponsorship of legislation to improve the work of volunteer fire companies, help the state's elderly residents and aid veterans.

Since his first term in 1975, Cole has served as minority chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, was an active member of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and served on the select committee to study the accident at Three Mile Island. He is also credited with being the leading advocate in the General Assembly to create the Pennsylvania Cancer Control Plan now in its second year of operation.

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CONTACT: Ray Doering (717) 783-8320

HARRISBURG, May 8 -- A computer network linking 71 county and regional Cooperative Extension Service offices with the Pennsylvania State University received a boost today following state House approval of a funding proposal offered by state Rep. Kenneth Cole, D-Adams.

Cole's proposal for a \$2 million appropriation to establish the computer center was approved by a 197-1 vote. The computer plan was added to a measure appropriating more than \$160 million to Penn State.

"The proposed computer system will allow each Extension Service office to gain instant access to timely information concerning market and weather reports or insect and disease alerts," Cole said. "This investment will bring the latest informational technology directly to agricultural producers.

"The system will also allow the Extension Service offices to develop programs which will have a direct bearing on agricultural practices in their particular regions."

As an example, Cole cited the recent health management problems facing livestock and poultry producers in the area. He said improved communication ability would provide more accurate information to experts who could provide more effective evaluations of the problems.

Cole said the computer system "will encourage farmers to take advantage of the vast research and technical skills available throughout the Commonwealth."

According to Cole, the creation of a regional computer institute at Penn State to study the use of computers in agriculture provided further impetus for the computer system. The institute was established by agreement between the Northeastern states and the Kellogg Foundation who shared in the \$1.7 million cost of the program.

The \$2 million appropriation would provide for the start-up costs of the information system. Yearly operating costs are estimated at about \$500,000.

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HARRISBURG, Oct. 17 -- Political organizations representing physicians, dentists and hospital administrators have announced their support for the reelection of state Rep. Kenneth Cole, D-Adams.

Cole, who is seeking his sixth term as the representative of the 91st Legislative District, received the formal support of three political action committees representing the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Dentists' Association and the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania.

Cole said the organizations' support is the result of his "record of support for improvements in both the quality and availability of health care in the Commonwealth."

As the driving force in the legislature for the creation of both the statewide cancer registry and the Pennsylvania Cancer Control Program, Cole has made health care issues a priority during his ten-years of legislative service. The cancer program provides funding for local cancer control efforts such as the \$158,000 granted to Gettysburg Hospital for a mobile cancer detection unit which will provide services to much of Adams County.

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During the 1983-84 session, Cole introduced measures to extend the life of the cancer control program, which was enacted, and provide additional funding for local cancer control efforts. His legislation to require health insurance coverage for outpatient chemotherapy treatment received overwhelming House approval and is awaiting action in the Senate.

Cole was also the moving force behind the creation of a state funding category for the Central Penn Oncology Group which provides training and support for cancer physicians in the 28-county Central Pennsylvania region. State Funds for the organization amounted to more than \$100,000 this year.

During past legislative sessions, Cole was a member of the House Health and Welfare Committee and, during one term, served as the chairman of its Subcommittee on Health. Although his current committee chairmanship has limited his membership on other House committees, Cole said he "keeps informed on the work of the committee in the areas of medical care and hospital improvements."

"Quality health care is not an accident, but is the result of careful planning," Cole said. "I believe state government has an important role to play; not to inhibit growth in the health care industry, but to guarantee that quality health care is available in all areas of the Commonwealth."

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GETTYSBURG, Oct. 19 -- Col. Jacob M. Sheads today announced there will be an October 27 rally in Gettysburg to support the reelection campaign of state Rep. Kenneth J. Cole, D-Adams.

The rally will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 27 in the Garden Room of the Farnsworth House, 401 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg.

Col. Sheads, chairman of the Reelect Cole Committee, said the rally will be open to "anyone who wishes to show his or her support for Rep. Cole's reelection." Cole is seeking his sixth two-year term as the representative of the 91st Legislative District.

A well-known local historian, Col. Sheads has served as Cole's campaign chairman since his first House race in 1974.

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HARRISBURG, Nov. 21 -- State Rep. Kenneth Cole, D-Adams, today announced he will seek to form a Rural Legislative Caucus within the Democratic Caucus of the state House.

Cole said he and a number of Central Pennsylvania legislators have planned an organizational meeting to be held Tuesday, November 27. He said invitations have been extended to 29 House Democrats.

According to Cole, the caucus is being created to "present a united voice for rural concerns within the Democratic Caucus."

"The number of Democrats representing rural areas in Pennsylvania has increased significantly during the last few years," Cole said. "Because of this increase, the time has come for those members to join together on issues of common concern to their districts."

Cole noted that of the 29 legislators invited to the meeting, five will be new members during the 1985-86 session and another six will be beginning their second terms. Conversely, the group also includes six committee chairman who have influence on legislation dealing with agriculture, environmental protection, hunting and fishing, mining and local government.

"I believe that the most crucial issue facing rural legislators in both the short-term and the long-term is the protection of the environment," Cole said. "This is one area which will require these legislators to be fully informed as well as being united in our approach to solving this problem.

"By establishing this caucus, we will be able to assist rural legislators by providing informational programs and help the House leadership by presenting the concerns of rural Pennsylvania."

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