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Rep. Marino's End-of-Year Report

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

- Opened three constituent service centers – in Williamsport, Tunkhannock and Sunbury
- Staff completed 1,410 cases for constituents
- Held two U.S. Service Academy Days in the district to provide information on the congressional process for seeking appointments to military academies. (May 7 at Wyoming Valley West High School, Luzerne County; and May 14, Williamsport Area High School, Lycoming County)
- Hosted numerous school and community groups at the Capitol
- Hosted a Senior Fair, Sept. 26 in Tunkhannock
- Held twice-monthly office hours in Bradford, Pike and Wayne counties

VETERANS

- Hired a full-time veterans liaison who will only handle veterans' issues
- Held two veterans forums: Oct. 1 in Pike County on Oct. 1; Oct. 19 in Lewisburg
- Hosted a combat-wounded district veteran as a guest of honor at President Obama's State of the Union Address in January
- Launched 10th Congressional District Veterans History Project in conjunction with Library of Congress on Dec. 7
- Secured military medals for numerous veterans and survivors of deceased veterans
- Voted for the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act which was signed into law; provides employers with tax credits for hiring veterans and disabled veterans who are out of work and expands education and training opportunities for veterans.

FIELD HEARING/RESPONSE TO FLOOD

- Aug. 29: Tour (aerial and via roadways) of Hurricane Irene damage in Wyoming County
- Sept. 8, Rep. Marino returns to 10th District as Tropical Storm Lee devastates 10 of the 14 counties in the district
- Sept. 9-17, Daily tours, both via car and helicopter, of all flood-ravaged counties

- Nov. 29, Held congressional field hearing at Keystone College, LaPlume. “Ensuring Effective Preparedness and Response: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee,” Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- March 28, town hall meetings in Pike County (Delaware Township and Bushkill)
- April 25, open house, Williamsport office
- April 28, open house, Sunbury office
- May 6, open house, Tunkhannock office
- May 16, town hall meeting, Keystone College, LaPlume
- June 6, public meeting hosted by Susquehanna Valley Conservatives Lewisburg
- Aug. 8, town hall on Obamacare, Lewisburg
- Aug. 23, open house, Sunbury office
- Aug. 24, town hall meeting, Bingham’s, Susquehanna County
- Aug. 25, open house, Tunkhannock office
- Aug. 30, open house, Williamsport office
- Oct. 1, open house, Delaware Township Municipal Building, Pike County
- Nov. 21, Job Creators Symposium, a town hall for business, union and community leaders, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman Township, Luzerne County

TELEPHONE TOWN HALLS

- May: Connect with 3,550 households
- June: Connected with 9,850 households
- July: Connected with senior citizens in 11,093 households
- October: Connected with 8,982 households

RESPONSE TO CONSTITUENTS

- Responded to more than 40,000 constituent inquiries made to the four congressional offices, including letters, phone calls and e-mail
- Issued 20 e-newsletters to keep constituents informed of Rep. Marino’s schedule in the district and in Washington
- Sent out four mass mailings: Economy and Spending Report, 75,028; Animal Fighting Bill, 18,000; Pro-Life, 2,750; and Medicare Open Season, 53,603

DISTRICT VISITS

- Toured numerous schools, colleges, factories and workplaces
- Met with constituents, elected officials and community leaders at the Williamsport, Sunbury and Tunkhannock constituent service centers

PRESS CONFERENCES

- March 3: Repeal of the 1099 Requirement, Lewisburg Builders Supply Co., Lewisburg
- March 25: Briefing on congressional delegation visit with U.S. and foreign troops and military leaders in Afghanistan and Iraq, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Williamsport
- June 20: HR1946, Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act, Cook’s Pharmacy, Kingston, Luzerne County

- Oct. 26: Press rollout of Safeguarding Access for Every Medicare Patient Act, Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 29: Press conference on Safeguarding Access for Every Medicare Patient Act, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville

MEDIA

- Participated in two (February and October) “State of Pennsylvania” shows on WVIA-TV; one-hour, call-in, live shows with host Bill Kelly
- Guest on a live, one-hour, call-in show on PCN
- One-hour, live, call-in show as guest of WILK Radio personality Sue Henry
- Numerous newspaper and radio interviews
- Authored several op-ed/opinion pieces for local newspapers

SPEECHES

- Served as keynote speaker at numerous events, from college freshman convocations to economic development group dinners

TRAVEL

- March: Congressional delegation to Iraq and Afghanistan, visit with U.S. and foreign military leaders and troops
- June: Congressional delegation to Italy, Georgia, Lithuania, Russia, and Portugal focused on the European debt crisis and Russia’s growing influence in eastern Europe
- August: Congressional visit to Israel to examine Middle Eastern relations, terrorism in the region, and the Israel-Palestinian peace process

LEGISLATIVE

Cutting Spending:

- Voted to cut office budget by 5 percent.
- With fiscal year 2012 appropriations legislation complete, this Congress has cut discretionary spending for two straight years – the first time this has occurred since World War II.
- The enactment of the appropriations legislation in December marks a savings, since Congressman Marino has been office, of nearly \$31 billion in total discretionary spending including defense, compared to last year’s level and a savings of \$95 billion compared to fiscal year 2010 – the last year Democrats controlled Congress.
- In contrast, discretionary spending rose by 24 percent over the two years under the Democrat-controlled 111th Congress. Add stimulus funding and federal agency spending soared to \$796 billion in 2010 from \$434 billion, an 84 percent spending increase.
- Although there is much more work to be done, House Republicans, led by the freshman class, managed to turn the debate from how much money Washington could spend, to what programs can we cut and how much taxpayer money can we save.

Downsizing Washington:

- The House of Representatives has led the way in eliminating a number of duplicative and ineffective programs with the elimination of 28 programs that were duplicative or inefficient. Examples are: microbiological data program, \$4.2 million; Healthy Food

Financing Initiative, \$35 million; National Science Foundation Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory, \$12 million

- The first bill that introduced by Rep. Marino is HR1779, Federal Hiring Freeze Act of 2011 which would ban hiring until the deficit is eliminated, with some exceptions.

Obamacare:

- Over the past year, Congressman Marino has been active in taking on the Obamacare law on all fronts, with the goal of a full and complete repeal and replacing it with legislation that is drafted with input from all Americans and with the benefits of a full legislative process.

Pro-Life:

- Signed on as an original co-sponsor to HR 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act that would prohibit the expenditure of funds authorized or appropriated by federal laws or funds for any abortion.
- Co-sponsored HR 358, the Protect Life Act, which would close a loophole in Obamacare that allowed for the use of federal funds for abortions.
- Co-sponsored HR 2059 that would eliminate funding for the United Nations Population Fund because of its involvement in China's one-child policy, which relies on coercive abortion and sterilization.
- Supported legislation that eliminated all federal funding for Planned Parenthood which is the largest abortion provider in the nation.
- Supported a number of other measures and amendments to protect the lives of the unborn.

Legislation:

1. HR1779, the Federal Hiring Freeze Act of 2011

This legislation puts into place a responsible freeze on the federal workforce, allowing for common-sense exceptions during times of war or for law enforcement, and national security concerns. The proposal caught the attention of congressional leaders and Rep. Marino was invited to testify before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform regarding this legislation.

2. HR1946, the Preserving Our Hometown Independent Pharmacies Act of 2011

This bill would allow independent pharmacies to band together to negotiate prescription drug prices on a level playing field. It would give them more leverage when they negotiate reimbursement rates and contractual terms with insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers.

3. HR 2492, the Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act of 2011

This bipartisan legislation makes it a federal offense to attend an organized animal fight and imposes additional penalties for taking minors to such events. Recently, a Senate companion bill was introduced.

4. HR 3239, the Safeguarding Access For Every Medicare Patient Act

This bill would ensure patient access to Medicare and Medicaid providers, reduce health care costs, guarantee incentives to providers to remain in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and promote participation in health information technology. The legislation provides limited legal protections for Medicare providers that use life-saving health information technology.

5. HR3417, To amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to modify requirements relating to an addition to Corridor O in Pennsylvania on the Appalachian development highway system.

This legislation removes one important statutory barrier for the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project from moving forward.

6. The One Subject at a Time Act

This legislation will be introduced early in 2012. It will provide that any legislation considered by Congress must be voted up or down on its own merits, rather than combined with a variety of subjects and policies in an attempt to garner sufficient support.

Committees:

House Committee on the Judiciary

- Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet
- Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

House Committee on Homeland Security: This committee has been critical for flood response for the district. In fact, as vice chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, Rep. Marino hosted a congressional hearing in the district on Nov. 29.

- Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies
- Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications
- Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management

House Committee on Foreign Affairs

- Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights
- Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights
- Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia
- Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia

Caucuses:

- Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus
- Immigration Reform Caucus
- Congressional Coal Caucus
- Congressional Kidney Caucus (Co-Chairman)
- Congressional Adoption Caucus
- House General Aviation Caucus
- National Heritage Area Caucus
- Rare Disease Caucus
- Cystic Fibrosis Caucus
- Marcellus Shale Caucus

- German-American Caucus
- Congressional Taiwan Caucus
- House Cancer Caucus
- Congressional Foster Care Caucus