



Welcome to the first edition of my e-newsletter.

I will be providing you with up-to-date information on the activities at our state's Capitol, share insights on legislative developments and keep you notified of 23rd district events.

I hope that you will find this email useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a question or concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

## **District Office Hours**

In order to provide you an opportunity to meet with me in person, I will be conducting local office hours twice a month throughout the district.

See below for my office hours schedule for February and March. There is no appointment necessary. Stop by and say hello!

Fri. February 18th  
Rockwood Community Center  
32001 Fort Street  
10am to 12noon

Mon. February 28th  
Flat Rock Library  
25200 Gibraltar Road  
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Mon. March 14th  
Woodhaven Community Center  
23101 Hall Road  
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Fri. March 25th  
Sumpter Township Senior Center  
23501 Sumpter Road  
10am to 12noon

## **Somerville in the News**

The following OP-ED by Representative Somerville appeared in the News Herald Newspaper on Feb. 8, 2011.

<http://www.thenewsherald.com/articles/2011/02/08/opinion/doc4d5198c4da479463956337.txt?viewmode=2>

## Committee Assignments

At the start of a new term, individual members are selected to serve on a number of important legislative committees. Each committee is made up of a fraction of the general House membership and concentrates on a particular area of legislative development. Typically, committee members are the first to take testimony on legislation before it is allowed to be heard on the floor of the Michigan House.

I am honored to have been selected to serve on the **Commerce, Judiciary and Transportation** Committees. Each of these committee assignments will have before it legislation that will affect many aspects of the people of the 23rd district. I will review every piece of legislation that come before me with due diligence.

## Around the District

### Representative Somerville Honors Local Hero

Rep. Pat Somerville on Monday, February 7, 2011 presented a tribute to the mother of a federal Border Patrol agent killed in the line of duty. Josephine Terry, of Flat Rock, received the tribute in remembrance of her son, Brian Terry, who lost his life while protecting the U.S. border in Arizona on Dec. 14, 2010.

"He dedicated his entire life to his country, to keep the rest of us safe," Somerville said. "What is more honorable, more selfless than that?"

"This tribute only shows a small part of the immeasurable gratitude and praise we have for Brian, and for the sacrifices his family made. This community has felt his loss immensely."

Brian Terry, a graduate of Flat Rock Community High School, dedicated his life and career to the public, having served as a law enforcement officer and in the U. S. Marine Corps prior to becoming a federal Border Patrol agent. "Brian made our country a better place, that's all there is to it. We are much worse off without him," Somerville said. "If we can all live our lives with even a fraction of the dedication Brian had, we'll all be better off as individuals and as a nation."



Monroe Evening News photo by BRYAN BOSCH

Josephine Terry listens as Rep. Pat Somerville reads a tribute during the Flat Rock City Council meeting honoring the memory of her son Brian Terry

### **Scholarship Fundraiser for Brian Terry**

To honor Brian Terry, his friends and family are holding a scholarship fundraiser. The event will take place on Friday March 4th at 7:00pm at the Pier 500 Restaurant 507 Biddle Ave in Wyandotte. There is a \$5 cover charge with complimentary food. Twenty percent of all drinks will be donated to the Brian Terry Scholarship Fund. There will be a prize raffle and 50-50 drawing. For more information, please call Chad Admad at (313) 477-1311.

### **Contact Information**

Thank you for your interest in my e-newsletter.

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