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Honoring the Legacy of Lance Corporal Keith J. Laise

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Sen. Brown with 4 people standing in front of a memorial sign for Lance Corporal Keith J. Laise.

I was honored to attend the rededication of the American Legion Post 346 pavilion in memory of Lance Corporal Keith J. Laise, a hometown hero who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation.

LCPL Laise, a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, was just 20 years old when he was killed in the 1983 Beirut barracks attack. It was so meaningful to hear heartfelt remarks from his younger brother, Chris, and members of the Laise family as they reflected on Keith's life and service.

I extend my sincere gratitude to American Legion Post 346 for organizing this beautiful tribute and to the many veterans and community members who gathered to honor one of our own.

As we go about our daily lives, let us never forget the brave men and women who gave everything in defense of our freedoms.



Nominate a Non-Teaching School Employee for a RISE Award

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Non-teaching school employees – including paraprofessional, clerical, transportation, food service, custodial, security and health workers – play key roles in keeping our local schools running.

If you know an incredible non-teaching employee, you can nominate them for a Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award. Find details and a nomination form at the state Department of Education website.

Nominations for 2026 close Aug. 30.



Prioritizing Affordability Through Fiscal Responsibility

By Senator Rosemary Brown

I understand we are all facing higher costs for groceries, utilities, housing, and everyday needs. In my work as your Senator, I remain committed to advancing fiscally responsible policies that protect taxpayers, strengthen our economy, and help make living more affordable.

Importantly, the state enacted a budget that will NOT raise taxes on Pennsylvanians, preserve our Rainy Day fund, and invests in priorities.

I helped advance numerous bills aimed at lowering costs and putting affordability first for you.

I voted to:

Cut the Gross Receipts Tax on electricity, establish a sales tax holiday on school supplies, expand educational opportunities for families, and eliminate a tax exemption for data centers (HB 1667).

Expand access to affordable and attainable housing (SB 1236, SB 1279, and SB 1281).

Reduce college costs by expanding Dual Enrollment opportunities (SB 974).

Eliminate unnecessary vehicle emissions testing requirements (SB 1298).

Promote energy development to help lower utility costs for consumers (SB 704).

Streamline state government and reduce unnecessary costs to taxpayers (SB 755).

Strengthen oversight of taxpayer-funded programs and protect public dollars from fraud and abuse (SB 362 and SB 1372).

It's important that you know these initiatives have been passed by the Senate and are currently awaiting action in the House of Representatives. I encourage you to contact your state representative and ask for a vote.



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