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News From Around PA Philadelphia's Equality Forum runs May 1-5. This homosexual affirming event includes State Treasurer Rod McCord as Keynote Speaker the \$200 а at plate International Equality Banquet. State Department is allowing Mariela Castro, daughter of President Raul Castro, into the US to receive the International Ally for LGBT Equality Award. **Openly homosexual PA State** House members Mike Fleck and Brian Sims participated in the "Elected LGBT Officials Panel." There was also an Equality PA program called "Winning Equality by Battling Locally" with an emphasis on getting passed local "antidiscrimination" ordinances with sexual orientation and gender identity language.

State House member **Mark Cohen** has introduced HB 1178 which would legalize civil unions. He admits to the *Philadelphia Gay News* that passage of this bill would be a stepping stone to legalizing same-sex "marriage."

Newberry Township (York County) has for years included the Lord's Prayer in their opening. However, they recently received a letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation (which claims 650 members in PA) informing them this is unconstitutional. Their solicitor advised they cease voicing the Lord's Prayer. During the public comment period in the meeting immediately following this decision, one brave pastor took it upon himself to recite the Lord's Prayer.

News from National Scene All eyes are on Ohio Senator Rob Portman as a new version of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) has been introduced. Will he support this homosexual special rights law, since he now supports same-sex "marriage?" Colorado's new civil unions law went into effect on May 1st. But how can this be? In 2006 they passed a one sentence Marriage Protection Amendment defining marriage as only between one man and one woman. This is why it is so very important to pass a two-sentence amendment which defines marriage as between one man and one woman *and* prevents any other legal union substantially equivalent to marriage from beina recognized within PA. Rep. Daryl Metcalfe is introducing such an MPA. AFA of PA encourages Christians, through education, to become involved in pro-family issues in their community, state and the nation. We are a non-profit organization that is totally dependent upon financial gifts from our supporters. You can give online here http://afaofpa.org/donate/

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