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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Jean-Claude Martinez, Koenraad Dillen and Luca Romagnoli

on establishing a European Day to honour mayors

Lapse date: 16 December 2004

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas the dedication and tremendous efforts of mayors in Europe's rural districts should be officially recognised,

B. whereas the need for territorial cohesion and social harmony in Europe means that small rural districts need to be able to make investments (e.g. in sports halls, computer equipment for local schools, school buses, function rooms, retirement homes, etc.) which, though modest, would improve the daily lives of men and women,

C. whereas President Barroso has outlined his wish to ensure that European policies are perceived more positively, assigning this task to Mrs Margot Wallström,

1. Calls for the introduction of a European Mayors' Day, each year singling out mayors from among the Union's municipalities and giving them an opportunity – with the help of the European institutions – to obtain financial aid through sponsorship from EU businesses;

2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.