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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of finding the cause and cure for
2 multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation to the
3 Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis
4 Society for their work; and recognizing the week of March 2
5 through 8, 2015, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in
6 Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
8 central nervous system, affecting an estimated 2.3 million
9 people worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
11 Sclerosis Society report that in this Commonwealth more than
12 23,000 people are affected by this devastating disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20
14 through 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their
15 lives, and some of these young adults diagnosed with multiple
16 sclerosis experience tremendous suffering and pain, leading to
17 total paralysis in some cases, and the cause and cure for this
18 debilitating disease remain unknown; and

19 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
20 Sclerosis Society have been committed for more than 68 years to

1 heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating
2 and crippling disease; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
4 has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research,
5 relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure, and has
6 invested more than \$868 million in groundbreaking research; and

7 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis
8 Society fuel the efforts of nearly 380 research projects
9 globally, totaling \$50.6 million annually at the best medical
10 centers, universities and other institutions throughout the
11 United States and abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis research has never been more
13 hopeful than it is today; and

14 WHEREAS, Finding the cause and developing a method of
15 prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all
16 Pennsylvanians should support; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of finding
18 the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis, a terribly perplexing
19 and painful disease which affects hundreds of thousands of
20 Americans, including many Pennsylvanians; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate express its appreciation and
22 admiration for the major work that the National Multiple
23 Sclerosis Society has done over the years to heighten the
24 public's knowledge and insight about this debilitating disease;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of March 2
27 through 8, 2015, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in
28 Pennsylvania and encourage the residents of this great
29 Commonwealth to join in the fight to end this devastating
30 disease.