

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

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 14
5 through 20, 2011, 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 400,000
9 Americans, and nearly 200 new cases of multiple sclerosis are
10 being diagnosed each week nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
12 Sclerosis Society (NMSS) report that in this Commonwealth more
13 than 19,000 people are affected by this devastating disease, the
14 fifth highest incident rate in the country; and

1 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20
2 through 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their
3 lives, and some of these young adults diagnosed with multiple
4 sclerosis experience tremendous suffering and pain, leading to
5 total paralysis in some cases, and the cause and cure for this
6 debilitating disease remain unknown; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
8 Sclerosis Society have been committed throughout the years to
9 heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating
10 and crippling disease, and the chapters are currently planning
11 several major Statewide fundraisers and educational programs and
12 are providing direct services in order to raise awareness about
13 the effects of multiple sclerosis; 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 House of Representatives recognize the
18 importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis,
19 a terribly perplexing and painful disease which affects hundreds
20 of thousands of Americans, including many Pennsylvanians; and be
21 it further

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

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 week of March 14 through 20, 2011, as "Multiple Sclerosis
29 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage the citizens of
30 this great State to join in the fight to end this devastating

1 disease.