A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation to the Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their work; and recognizing the week of March 11 through 17, 2018, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20 through 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their lives, and some of these young adults diagnosed with multiple sclerosis experience tremendous suffering and pain, leading to total paralysis in some cases; and

WHEREAS, The cause and cure for this debilitating disease
remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have been committed for more than 70 years to heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating and crippling disease; and

WHEREAS, Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure, and has invested more than $974 million in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of nearly 380 research projects globally, totaling $54 million annually at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of March 11 through 17, 2018, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in
Pennsylvania and encourage the residents of this great Commonwealth to join in the fight to end this devastating disease.