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FEBRUARY 10, 2009

## 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 proclaiming the week of March 2  
5 through 7, 2009, 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

15 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20

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

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple  
7 Sclerosis Society have been committed throughout the years to  
8 heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating  
9 and crippling disease, and the chapters are currently planning  
10 several major Statewide fundraisers and educational programs and  
11 are providing direct services in order to raise awareness about  
12 the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

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

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

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

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
27 week of March 2 through 7, 2009, as "Multiple Sclerosis  
28 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage the citizens of  
29 this great State to join in the fight to end this devastating  
30 disease.