

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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 8  
 5 through 14, 2010, 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

1 fifth highest incident rate in the country; and

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

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

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

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

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

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
29 week of March 8 through 14, 2010, as "Multiple Sclerosis  
30 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage the citizens of

1 this great State to join in the fight to end this devastating  
2 disease.