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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the week of March 10 through 16, 2019, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
- 4 central nervous system affecting an estimated 2.3 million
- 5 people; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
- 7 Sclerosis Society report that in this Commonwealth more than
- 8 24,000 people are affected by multiple sclerosis; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20
- 10 to 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their lives,
- 11 and the cause and a cure remain unknown; and
- 12 WHEREAS, For 73 years, the National Multiple Sclerosis
- 13 Society has been committed to a world free of multiple sclerosis
- 14 and to heightening public knowledge and insight about the

- 1 disease; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- 3 has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research,
- 4 relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure by
- 5 investing more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Funds raised by the National Multiple Sclerosis
- 7 Society provide more than \$34 million in funding for more than
- 8 320 research projects at the best medical centers, universities
- 9 and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad,
- 10 which has lead to many breakthroughs in the treatment of
- 11 multiple sclerosis; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Stopping multiple sclerosis in its tracks, restoring
- 13 what has been lost and ending multiple sclerosis forever is the
- 14 mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that
- 15 all Americans and Pennsylvanians should support; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes the
- 17 importance of finding the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis
- 18 and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the
- 19 Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- 20 have shown toward creating a world free of multiple sclerosis;
- 21 therefore be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
- 23 week of March 10 through 16, 2019, as "Multiple Sclerosis
- 24 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- 25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
- 26 residents of this Commonwealth to join in the fight to end this
- 27 devastating disease.