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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple  
3 Sclerosis Awareness Week.

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5 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis can impact people of all ages,  
6 races, and ethnicities, and

7 WHEREAS, more than 400,000 Americans live with multiple  
8 sclerosis, and

9 WHEREAS, approximately 2,500,000 people worldwide have been  
10 diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and

11 WHEREAS, every hour of every day, someone is diagnosed with  
12 multiple sclerosis, and

13 WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000  
14 children and adolescents are living with multiple sclerosis, and

15 WHEREAS, the exact cause of multiple sclerosis is still  
16 unknown, and

17 WHEREAS, the symptoms of multiple sclerosis are  
18 unpredictable and vary from person to person, and

19 WHEREAS, there is no single diagnostic laboratory test  
20 available for multiple sclerosis, and

21 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is not contagious or directly  
22 inherited, but studies show there are genetic factors that  
23 indicate certain individuals are susceptible to the disease, and

24 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis symptoms occur when an immune  
25 system attack affects the myelin in nerve fibers of the central  
26 nervous system, damaging or destroying the myelin and replacing  
27 it with scar tissue, thereby interfering with or preventing the  
28 transmission of nerve signals, and

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29 WHEREAS, in rare cases multiple sclerosis is so progressive  
 30 it is fatal, and

31 WHEREAS, there is no known cure for multiple sclerosis, and

32 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and other  
 33 organizations dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of  
 34 life for all those affected by multiple sclerosis recognize and  
 35 celebrate Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week during one week in  
 36 March every calendar year, and

37 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is a  
 38 collective of passionate individuals who want to do something  
 39 now about multiple sclerosis, and

40 WHEREAS, this year National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness  
 41 Week is recognized during the week of March 8-14, 2010, NOW,  
 42 THEREFORE,

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 44 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 45 Florida:

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 47 That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

48 (1) Supports the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis  
 49 Awareness Week.

50 (2) Encourages media organizations to participate in  
 51 Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and help educate the public  
 52 about multiple sclerosis.

53 (3) Commends the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis  
 54 Awareness Week.

55 (4) Commends the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's  
 56 commitment to combating multiple sclerosis by promoting

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57 | awareness about its causes and risks and by promoting new  
58 | education programs, supporting research, and expanding access to  
59 | medical treatment.

60 |       (5) Recognizes all people in Florida living with multiple  
61 | sclerosis, expresses gratitude to their family members and  
62 | friends who are a source of love and encouragement to them, and  
63 | salutes the health care professionals and medical researchers  
64 | who provide assistance to those so afflicted and continue to  
65 | work to find cures and improve treatments.