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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and disabling  
2 disease of the central nervous system in which the progression,  
3 severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

4           WHEREAS, Every hour of every day, someone new is diagnosed  
5 with MS, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes,  
6 halt a career, and unravel the fabric of families; and

7           WHEREAS, Last year in Texas more than \$17 million was raised  
8 to find the cure for MS and develop effective treatments for the  
9 disease, as well as to provide a wide range of programs to improve  
10 the lives of the more than 20,000 individuals living with MS in our  
11 state; and

12           WHEREAS, This investment is paying off in significant  
13 advances in treating MS, including new medications which may reduce  
14 or delay future disability for people with MS; and

15           WHEREAS, While research advances have brought us closer to  
16 finding the cure, much remains to be done, and services must  
17 continue to be provided to those who live with the disease; and

18           WHEREAS, There are public and private agencies available to  
19 serve the constantly changing needs of those living with MS in Texas  
20 and their families, and it is imperative to extend these essential  
21 services to all in need; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby recognize March 2-11, 2007, as Multiple  
24 Sclerosis Awareness Week in Texas and encourage all who work in this

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1 vital area to inform Texans about MS and MS services.