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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 \$20 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 that 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, Public and private agencies are available to serve
19 the constantly changing needs of those living with MS in Texas and
20 their families, and it is imperative to extend the essential
21 services provided by these agencies to all in need; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2009, as Multiple

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1 Sclerosis Day at the State Capitol and March 2 through 9, 2009, as
2 Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in Texas and encourage every
3 effort to inform Texans about MS and MS services.