

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable,
2 debilitating disease of the central nervous system in which the
3 flow of information between the brain and body is interrupted; and

4 WHEREAS, Every hour of every day, someone in the United
5 States is diagnosed with MS; often first detected in individuals
6 ages 20 through 50, it is the most common neurological disease
7 leading to disability in young adults; MS affects an estimated 2.5
8 million people worldwide, including 400,000 in the United States
9 and more than 20,000 in Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society: Lone Star
11 is a community of Texans who are committed to doing something about
12 MS now; they support programs and services to enhance the lives of
13 people with MS, raise funds and awareness through Bike MS and Walk
14 MS events, and invest in research toward a cure for the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, In partnership with the Office of Public Insurance
16 Counsel and the Texas Department of Insurance, the Lone Star group
17 was instrumental in the recent adoption of a statewide ban on
18 discretionary clauses in life, health, and disability insurance
19 policies, and this action will help protect Texans living with MS as
20 well as all Texas consumers; and

21 WHEREAS, Though much still remains to be done, the work of the
22 National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the other organizations and
23 institutions working in behalf of those with MS are helping to
24 create a dynamic movement with the ultimate goal of achieving a

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1 world free of MS; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 14 through 20, 2011, as Multiple
4 Sclerosis Awareness Week in Texas and encourage efforts to inform
5 Texans about MS and MS services.

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Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
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Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
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Brown	Hopson	Pickett
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Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
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Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 641 was adopted by the House on March 14, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House