

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 206

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

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

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

WHEREAS, This investment is paying off in significant advances in treatment, including new medications that may reduce or delay future disability for people with the disease; and

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

WHEREAS, Public and private agencies are available to serve the constantly changing needs of those living with multiple sclerosis in Texas and their families, and it is imperative to extend the essential services provided by these agencies to all in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize March 1, 2011, as Multiple Sclerosis Day at the State Capitol and encourage every effort to inform Texans about multiple sclerosis and the services available to those living with this disease; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in commemoration of this day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate