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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONKLIN AND STRUZZI, JANUARY 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JANUARY 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of March 8 through 14, 2020, as "Multiple
2 Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
4 central nervous system affecting an estimated 1 million people;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
7 Sclerosis Society report that in this Commonwealth more than
8 27,000 people are affected by multiple sclerosis; and

9 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20
10 to 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their lives,
11 and the cause and a cure remain unknown; and

12 WHEREAS, For 74 years, the National Multiple Sclerosis
13 Society has been committed to a world free of multiple sclerosis
14 and heightening public knowledge and insight about the disease;
15 and

1 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
2 has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research,
3 relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure by
4 investing more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

5 WHEREAS, Funds raised by the National Multiple Sclerosis
6 Society provide more than \$38.7 million in funding for more than
7 123 research projects at the best medical centers, universities
8 and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad,
9 which has led to many breakthroughs in the treatment of multiple
10 sclerosis; and

11 WHEREAS, Stopping multiple sclerosis in its tracks, restoring
12 what has been lost and ending multiple sclerosis forever is the
13 mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that
14 all Americans and Pennsylvanians should support; and

15 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes the
16 importance of finding the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis
17 and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the
18 Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
19 have shown toward creating a world free of multiple sclerosis;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 week of March 8 through 14, 2020, as "Multiple Sclerosis
23 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
25 residents of this Commonwealth to join in the fight to end this
26 devastating disease.