ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1073

By: Vaughn, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Begley, Benge, Benson, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd, Braddock, Bryant, Calvey, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Collins, Corn, Covey, Cox, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Frame, Gilbert, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Nations, Newport, Ostrander, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Reese, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Seikel, Sellers, Settle, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Stanley, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Sweeden, Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Weaver, Webb, Wells, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen and Wright of the House

and

Snyder of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation to the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for its work; proclaiming April 2000 "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting an estimated 350,000 Americans across this country; and

WHEREAS, nearly 200 new cases of multiple sclerosis are being diagnosed each week nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that in our state more than 8,000 people are affected by this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults aged 20 through 40, attacking them in the prime of their lives; and

WHEREAS, some of these young adults diagnosed with multiple sclerosis experience tremendous suffering and pain, leading to total paralysis in some cases; and

WHEREAS, the cause and cure for this debilitating disease remain unknown; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed throughout the years to heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating and sometimes crippling disease; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated Oklahoma Chapter is currently planning several major statewide fundraisers, including walk-a-thons and "MS Through the Eyes of a Child" art exhibits and award presentations, in order to raise awareness about the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis Walks are scheduled this year in Lawton on March 25, Tulsa on April 1, Enid on April 8, Oklahoma City on April 9, and Stillwater on April 15; and

WHEREAS, finding the cause and developing a method of prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all Americans and Oklahomans should support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis, a terribly perplexing and painful disease which affects hundreds of thousands of Americans, including many Oklahomans.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses its appreciation and admiration for the major work that the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has done over the years to

heighten the public's knowledge and insight about this debilitating disease.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature proclaims April 2000 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month" and encourages the citizens of this great state to join in the fight to end this devastating disease.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mike Simmons, Chairman of Government Relations, Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Paula Courtner, President, Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and Ken Crump, Chairman of the Board, Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of March, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

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President of the Senate