STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1018 By: Vaughn of the House

and

Snyder of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

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, 2003, "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting an estimated 400,000 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 10,000 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 educational client programs in order to raise awareness about the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis Walks are scheduled this year in Enid and Lawton on April 5, and in Oklahoma City and Tulsa on April 12; and

WHEREAS, the Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) Kick-Off Brunch on April 3 cultivates leadership to attend the Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) Luncheon scheduled for May 21 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club; 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 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma 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 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 knowledge and insight of the public about this debilitating disease.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims April, 2003, 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 Patrick Evans, Chair of Government Relations, Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Paula Cortner, President, Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and Mike Maxey, Chairman of the Board, Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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