ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1014

By: Lamons, Adkins, Armes, Askins, Auffet, Balkman, Banz, Benge, Billy, Bingman, Blackburn, Blackwell, Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Calvey, Carey, Cargill, Case, Coody, Cooksey, Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney, DePue, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Eddins, Ellis, Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hastings, Hickman, Hiett, Hilliard, Hyman, Ingmire, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Kern, Kiesel, Liebmann, Lindley, Liotta, Martin, Mass, McCarter, McDaniel, McMullen, McPeak, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ken), Miller (Ray), Morgan (Danny), Morgan (Fred), Morrissette, Nance, Nations, Newport, Perry, Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron), Piatt, Plunk, Pruett, Reynolds, Richardson, Roan, Roggow, Rousselot, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smaligo, Smithson, Staggs, Steele, Sullivan, Sweeden, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs, Toure, Trebilcock, Turner, Walker, Wesselhoft, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young of the House

and

Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Fisher, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Harrison, Hobson, Johnson, Jolley, Justice, Kerr, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick 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 (NMSS) for its work; proclaiming April 2005 “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 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 21,000 people are affected by this devastating disease, and multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults aged 20 through 40, attacking them in the prime of their lives, and some of these young adults diagnosed with multiple sclerosis experience tremendous suffering and pain, leading to total paralysis in some cases, and 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 crippling disease, and this dedicated Oklahoma Chapter is currently planning several major statewide fundraisers and educational programs in order to raise awareness about the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis Walks are scheduled this year in Enid, Lawton, Stillwater, and Tulsa on April 9, and in Oklahoma City on April 23 and the Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) Luncheon is scheduled for April 13 at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club, and the Dinner of Champions fundraiser for the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is scheduled for April 18 in Tulsa, and the Oklahoma Chapter of the NMSS is celebrating its 50th anniversary; 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 50TH 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 public's knowledge and insight about this debilitating disease.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims April 2005 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 Robert Margo, Chairman of the Board, Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 11th day of April, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of April, 2005.

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