

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1010

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9 Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman,  
10 Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman,  
11 Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan,  
12 Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby,  
13 Kouplen, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin  
14 (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey,  
15 McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie),  
16 McDaniel (Randy), McMullen, McNiel,  
17 McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan,  
18 Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson,  
19 Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters,  
20 Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett,  
21 Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze,  
22 Roan, Rousselot, Sanders, Schwartz,  
23 Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton,  
24 Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson,  
Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson,  
Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker,  
Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright  
(Harold) and Wright (John)

18 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of  
19 finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis;  
20 expressing appreciation to the Oklahoma Chapter of  
21 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for its work;  
22 proclaiming March, 2009 as Multiple Sclerosis  
23 Awareness Month; and providing for distribution.  
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1       WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the  
2 central nervous system affecting an estimated 400,000 Americans  
3 across this country; and

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

6       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis  
7 Society reports that in our state more than 21,000 people are  
8 affected by this devastating disease; and

9       WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults aged  
10 20 through 40, attacking them in the prime of their lives; and

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

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

16       WHEREAS, the estimated annual economic impact of multiple  
17 sclerosis is \$23 billion; and

18       WHEREAS, the estimated annual economic impact of multiple  
19 sclerosis on a family is \$59,000; and

20       WHEREAS, the need for accessible housing and home modifications  
21 cost people with multiple sclerosis over a half-billion dollars a  
22 year; and

23       WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis may cost an individual at least an  
24 estimated \$22,000 annually on lost wages; and

1       WHEREAS, the cost of health care for an individual is estimated  
2 annually at \$21,500; and

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

7       WHEREAS, this dedicated Oklahoma Chapter is currently planning  
8 several major statewide fundraisers and educational programs in  
9 order to raise awareness about the effects of multiple sclerosis;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis Walks are scheduled this year in  
12 Lawton on March 28, in Tulsa on April 4, in Oklahoma City on April  
13 25, and in Ponca City in May; and

14       WHEREAS, the Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) Luncheon is  
15 scheduled for April 8, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage  
16 Museum in Oklahoma City; and

17       WHEREAS, the First Annual MS Day of Service will be held on May  
18 30; and

19       WHEREAS, last year in Oklahoma more than \$1.4 million was raised  
20 to find the cure for multiple sclerosis and develop effective  
21 treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide range of  
22 client programs to improve the lives of 3,000 individuals living  
23 with multiple sclerosis in our state; and

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

4       WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has declared  
5 March 2 through March 8, 2009, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

13       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expresses its appreciation and  
14 admiration for the major work that the Oklahoma Chapter of the  
15 National Multiple Sclerosis Society has done over the years to  
16 heighten the knowledge and insight of the public about this  
17 debilitating disease.

18       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims March 2009 as "Multiple  
19 Sclerosis Awareness Month" and encourages the citizens of this great  
20 state to join in the fight to end this devastating disease.

21       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Patrick Evans,  
22 Chair of Government Relations and Chairman of the Board, Oklahoma  
23 Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and Paula  
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