

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1055

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Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey,  
Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt,  
Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields,  
Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman,  
Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman,  
Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan,  
Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby,  
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McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie),  
McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak,  
Miller, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette,  
Murphey, Nations, Nelson, Ortega,  
Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson,  
Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar,  
Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan,  
Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz,  
Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton,  
Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson,  
Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson,  
Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker,  
Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright  
(Harold) and Wright (John) of the House

and

Eason McIntyre of the Senate

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20 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of  
21 finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis;  
22 expressing appreciation to the Oklahoma Chapter of  
23 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for its work;  
24 proclaiming March 2010 as Multiple Sclerosis  
Awareness Month; and providing for distribution.

1       WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the  
2 central nervous system affecting an estimated 400,000 Americans  
3 across this county; 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 cost of disease-modifying drugs averages \$3,500 per  
4 month; and

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

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

13       WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis Walks are scheduled this year in  
14 Lawton on April 10, in Tulsa on April 24, in Oklahoma City on May 1,  
15 in Ardmore on May 22, and in Ponca City on May 23; and

16       WHEREAS, the Women Against Multiple Sclerosis (WAMS) Luncheon is  
17 scheduled for April 21 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage  
18 Museum in Oklahoma City; and

19       WHEREAS, the 25th Annual Bike Multiple Sclerosis Oklahoma will  
20 be held on Route 66 between Tulsa to Oklahoma City on September 25 -  
21 26, 2010; and

22       WHEREAS, last year in Oklahoma more than \$1.4 million was raised  
23 to find the cure for multiple sclerosis and develop effective  
24 treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide range of

1 client programs to improve the lives of 3,000 individuals living  
2 with multiple sclerosis in our state; and

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

6 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis  
7 Society will host its day at the Capitol on March 23, 2010.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims March 2010 as "Multiple  
21 Sclerosis Awareness Month" and encourages the citizens of this great  
22 state to join in the fight to end this devastating disease.

23 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to George Black,  
24 Chair of Government Relations, Oklahoma Chapter of the National

1 Multiple Sclerosis Society; Paula Cortner, President, Oklahoma  
2 Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and Patrick  
3 Evans, Chairman of the Board, Oklahoma Chapter of the National  
4 Multiple Sclerosis Society.

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the 23rd day of March,  
6 2010.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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11 Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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14 Presiding Officer of the Senate