

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6017

A RESOLUTION designating March 11-17, 2013, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week."

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving. It is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, and every hour in the United States someone is newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society reports that MS affects an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide, 400,000 nationwide and over 4,400 Kansans; and

WHEREAS, Often first diagnosed in individuals aged 20-50, attacking them in the prime of their lives, MS is the most common neurological disease leading to disability in young adults; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of MS range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society has been committed to mobilize people throughout Kansas who want to assist those afflicted with MS; and

WHEREAS, "Walk MS" events are scheduled this spring in Emporia, Garden City, Kansas City, Hays, Hiawatha, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Manhattan, Neodesha, Salina, Topeka and Wichita; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we declare March 11-17, 2013, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week." We recognize the importance of moving closer to a world free of multiple sclerosis and express appreciation to the Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society for its work.

House Resolution No. 6017 was sponsored by Representative Marshall Christmann.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*