

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6047

A RESOLUTION designating February 11, 2014, as Multiple Sclerosis Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) 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 someone is newly diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis 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 to 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 close 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, 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 February 11, 2014, as Multiple Sclerosis Day at the Capitol to raise awareness for this disease that has no known cause and no known cure. 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. 6047 was sponsored by Representative Sue Boldra.

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.