

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 3, 2017, as the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Louisiana State Action Day at the state capitol and to encourage efforts to inform the citizens of Louisiana about multiple sclerosis.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system that affects more than two million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that most people are diagnosed with the disease during the prime-of-life years, ages twenty through fifty; MS causes unpredictable effects, of which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a world free of MS by heightening public knowledge and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment, and a cure; more than \$868 million has been invested in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, globally totaling \$50.2 million annually, fuel the efforts of nearly three hundred eighty research projects, at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task which all Americans and Louisianians should support; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown towards a future free of MS.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 3, 2017, as National Multiple Sclerosis Society Louisiana State Action Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what can be done to support individuals with multiple sclerosis and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE