

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR ALARIO

SENATE. Recognizes April 16, 2014, as National Multiple Sclerosis Society Public Policy Conference Day at the Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 16, 2014, as National Multiple Sclerosis Society Public Policy
3 Conference Day at the Capitol and to encourage efforts to inform Louisianians about
4 multiple sclerosis and efforts that help bring us closer to a world free of MS.

5 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a lifelong, unpredictable and often disabling
6 disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide, and each hour
7 someone is newly diagnosed; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - South Central Region,
9 Louisiana reports that in our state more than 4,000 people are diagnosed with MS, the
10 disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 - 50, causes
11 unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be
12 foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remain unknown; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - South Central Region,
14 Louisiana has been committed for more than forty years to a world free of MS, heightening
15 public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving
17 force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing of prevention, treatment and a cure and has
18 invested more than 771 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

1 WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the
2 efforts of nearly 325 research projects globally totaling 40 million dollars annually at the
3 best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and
4 abroad and, because of this, MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

5 WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations
6 from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Louisianans
7 should support; and

8 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of finding the cause
9 and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and
10 admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - South Central
11 Region, Louisiana has shown toward a future free of MS.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby recognize April 16, 2014, as National Multiple Sclerosis Society Public Policy
14 Conference Day at the Capitol and encourages efforts to inform Louisianians about MS and
15 efforts that help bring us closer to a world free of MS.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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