

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - South Central Region, Louisiana has been committed for more than forty years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about 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 and has invested more than 771 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and

admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - South Central Region, Louisiana has shown toward a future free of MS.

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE