

First Extraordinary Session, 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVES KATZ AND LORUSSO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the week of March 10, 2008, through March 17, 2008, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable and disabling disease which interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and can stop a person from moving; and

WHEREAS, every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with this terrible disease; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that approximately four thousand three hundred people in Louisiana and more than four hundred thousand people nationwide suffer from MS; and

WHEREAS, MS generally strikes young adults between the ages of twenty and fifty, attacking them in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS, symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and 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 Louisiana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed throughout the years to mobilize the voices of people statewide who want to take an immediate proactive stance against MS, and this Louisiana chapter is currently planning several major statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise MS awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana chapter devotes programs and services to enhance the lives of those with MS and, through annual events like Walk MS and Bike MS, invests in research toward a cause and a cure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the importance of a world free of MS, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system impacting many people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana commends the work that the Louisiana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has done over the years to heighten MS awareness, encourages the citizens of this great state to join the movement and help move closer to a world free of MS, and hereby designates March 10, 2008, through March 17, 2008, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE