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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable,
3 often disabling, disease of the central nervous system that
4 disrupts the flow of information between an individual's body
5 and brain; and

6 WHEREAS, MS affects an estimated 2.5 million people
7 worldwide, 400,000 in the United States, and 20,000 in the
8 State of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, MS is the most common neurological disease leading
10 to disability in young adults; it is often first diagnosed in
11 individuals aged 20-50; and

12 WHEREAS, The National MS Society is an organization
13 dedicated to funding cutting-edge research, advocating on
14 behalf of people with the disorder, and facilitating programs
15 and services that help those with MS and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, In March of 2012, the National MS Society will
17 sponsor MS Awareness Month for the City of Chicago; Chicago
18 building owners will support the observance of MS Awareness
19 month by lighting their ceilings or entryways with orange
20 illumination; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate March of
3 2012 as MS Awareness Month in the State of Illinois and
4 encourage the people of this State to recognize the important
5 efforts of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to diagnose,
6 treat, and manage this disorder; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as a
9 symbol of our esteem and respect.