

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042
(Representatives Schneider, Dahl)
(Senator Nelson)

A concurrent resolution expressing support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis and urging the Congress of the United States to join in the movement in creating a world free of multiple sclerosis.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

WHEREAS, every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career, and unravel the fabric of families; and

WHEREAS, last year in North Dakota more than \$700,000 was raised to find a cure for multiple sclerosis and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as to provide a wide range of client programs to improve the lives of the 1,500 individuals living with multiple sclerosis in our state; and

WHEREAS, this investment is paying off in significant advances in treating multiple sclerosis, such as new medications that may reduce or delay future disability for people with multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, although research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, much remains to be done and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the disease; and

WHEREAS, there are public and private agencies available to serve the constantly changing needs of North Dakotans with multiple sclerosis and their families by extending essential service to all who need them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly expresses support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis and urges the Congress of the United States to join in the movement in creating a world free of multiple sclerosis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State