

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Dahl

Senator Nelson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly

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

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