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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 113

Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 113, as amended, Dickinson. Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of March 12, 2012, through March 16, 2012, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The week of March 12, 2012, through March 16,
- 2 2012, has been declared Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in
- 3 recognition of the importance of finding the cause and cure for

1 multiple sclerosis and to express appreciation to the National
2 Multiple Sclerosis Society and its California chapters; and

3 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
4 central nervous system that affects an estimated 400,000 Americans
5 across the country, and nearly 200 new cases are diagnosed each
6 week nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, The California chapters of the National Multiple
8 Sclerosis Society report that more than 40,000 people in California
9 are affected by this devastating disease. Throughout the years, the
10 California chapters have been committed to heightening public
11 knowledge and insight and are currently planning several major
12 statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise awareness
13 about the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

14 WHEREAS, Twice as many women as men have multiple
15 sclerosis and most are diagnosed between 20 and 50 years of age,
16 and while studies indicate genetic factors make certain individuals
17 more susceptible than others, there is no evidence that multiple
18 sclerosis is directly inherited; and

19 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded
20 in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for people with
21 multiple sclerosis, and provides more professional education
22 programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization in the
23 world. Through its home office in New York and its 50-state
24 network of chapters, the society services more than one million
25 people annually; and

26 WHEREAS, The society is the largest private supporter of
27 multiple sclerosis research in the world, and for more than 55 years
28 it has funded innovative research and advocated for government
29 support of important scientific inquiries; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring*, That March 12, 2012, through March 16, 2012,
32 is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and that the residents of
33 the State of California should be encouraged to join together in
34 raising awareness and heightening public knowledge of this
35 debilitating disease; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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