

## Senate Resolution 921

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Unterman of the 45th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 28, 2018, as Progressive Multiple Sclerosis Day at the state capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are nearly one million people in the United States living with multiple  
4 sclerosis (MS), a chronic, disabling disease of the central nervous system for which there is  
5 no cure; and

6 WHEREAS, up to 80 percent of people suffering with MS may develop a progressive form  
7 of the disease, which is characterized by a progressive worsening of neurological function  
8 over time; and

9 WHEREAS, MS is at least two to three times more common in women than in men, and it  
10 is typically diagnosed when individuals are in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 and  
11 50; and

12 WHEREAS, MS can cause many symptoms, including blurred vision, loss of balance, poor  
13 coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory  
14 and concentration, paralysis, blindness, and more; and

15 WHEREAS, due to these symptoms and to the progressive nature of the disease, people with  
16 MS, as well as their families, caregivers, employers, and the entire health care system carry  
17 substantial clinical and economic burdens; and

18 WHEREAS, lost productivity related to loss of employment and the need to retire early due  
19 to disease progression may be the largest single factor that contributes to the nonmedical,  
20 financial, familial, and societal costs of MS; and

21 WHEREAS, early and appropriate treatment, including the use of disease-modifying  
22 therapies, can markedly reduce disease activity and the progressive and disabling effects of  
23 MS, potentially allowing patients to have a more active and independent lifestyle; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that awareness be brought to this life-altering  
25 disease and its profound impact on so many people in the State of Georgia and throughout  
26 the United States.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize March 28, 2018, as Progressive Multiple Sclerosis Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
31 press.