

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9**

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(By Delegates Poore, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson, Armstead,  
Azinger, Barill, Barker, Boggs, Brown, Butcher, D. Campbell, T.  
Campbell, Cann, Caputo, Cowles, Craig, Crosier, Doyle, Ellem,  
Evans, Ferns, Frazier, Givens, Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton, Hartman,  
Hatfield, Householder, Hunt, Iaquinta, Kominar, Lane, Lawrence,  
Longstreth, Mahan, Manchin, Manypenny, Marshall, Michael, Miley,  
Moore, Morgan, Moye, Overington, Paxton, Perdue, Perry, Pethtel,  
L. Phillips, R. Phillips, Pino, D. Poling, M. Poling, Reynolds,  
Rodighiero, Rowan, Skaff, Smith, Staggers, Stephens, Storch,  
Stowers, Sumner, Swartzmiller, Talbott, Walker, Wells and White)

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16 "Recognizing the Blue Ridge Chapter of the National MS Society."

17 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, often disabling  
18 disease of the central nervous system that affects approximately  
19 4,000 people in West Virginia; and

20 WHEREAS, Most people with multiple sclerosis are diagnosed  
21 between the ages of 15 and 50 but the unpredictable physical and  
22 emotional effects can be lifelong; and

23 WHEREAS, Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with an  
24 FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve  
25 the quality of life for many people with MS; and

1           WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a disease that not only affects  
2 the person with the condition, but also greatly impacts family,  
3 friends and the community; and

4           WHEREAS, The exact cause of multiple sclerosis is still  
5 unknown, and there is no known cure; and

6           WHEREAS, The symptoms of MS may be mild such as numbness in the  
7 limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision; and

8           WHEREAS, Every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed  
9 with multiple sclerosis; and

10          WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society envisions a  
11 world free of MS; and

12          WHEREAS, The Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Multiple  
13 Sclerosis Society provides West Virginia residents with programs  
14 and services to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS;  
15 therefore, be it

16          *Resolved by the House of Delegates:*

17          That the House of Delegates hereby recognizes the many  
18 individuals who work hard every day to help those afflicted with  
19 Multiple Sclerosis; and, be it

20          *Further Resolved,* That the House of Delegates extends its  
21 sincere appreciation to the members of the Blue Ridge Chapter of  
22 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for its many contributions  
23 to the State of West Virginia; and, be it

24          *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Delegates  
25 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the appropriate

1 representatives of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Multiple  
2 Sclerosis Society.