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Meeting Dates:	4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates March of each year as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) Awareness Month.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Personal stories of individuals who lost spouses to Multiple System Atrophy
- Lack of medical awareness and misdiagnosis of symptoms

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a degenerative neurological disorder that attacks nerve cells in specified areas of the brain. The disorder causes problems with movement, balance and other autonomic functions of the body such as bladder control or blood-pressure regulation. MSA is progressive and there is no remission, meaning the disease is ultimately fatal. The cause of MSA is unknown and no specific risk factors have been identified.

House Bill 3128 designates March of each year as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month to increase public awareness of MSA and encourage research to better understand and treat the disorder.