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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Professional social workers assist individuals,
2 groups, and communities to restore or enhance their capacity for
3 social functioning, while creating societal conditions favorable
4 to their goals; and

5 WHEREAS, Only those highly trained and experienced
6 individuals who have earned social work degrees at the bachelor's,
7 master's, or doctoral level, completed a required number of
8 supervised hours in their particular field, and are licensed
9 through the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners may be
10 considered professional social workers; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers help people overcome some of life's
12 most difficult challenges, including poverty, discrimination,
13 abuse, addiction, physical illness, divorce, loss, unemployment,
14 educational problems, disability, and mental illness to become
15 independent and productive citizens; they help prevent crises and
16 counsel individuals, families, and communities to cope more
17 effectively with the stresses inherent in everyday life; and

18 WHEREAS, Professional social workers may be found in every
19 facet of community life--in schools, hospitals, mental health
20 clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practice,
21 prisons, military and corporate environments, and in numerous
22 public and private agencies that serve individuals and families in
23 need; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby designate April 27, 2009, as Social Work Day at the State
2 Capitol and extend a warm welcome and sincere best wishes to the
3 professional social workers and social work students present on
4 this day for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin; and, be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the Texas Chapter of the National Association of
8 Social Workers as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
9 Representatives and Senate.