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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Many dedicated social work professionals, including members of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, are gathering in Austin on March 5, 2013, to celebrate Texas Social Work Advocacy Day, as part of a month-long observance honoring the contributions of this vital occupation; and

6 WHEREAS, Each day, social workers address the emotional, 7 psychological, economic, and physical needs of millions of people; 8 they assist clients from all communities and in every stage of life 9 with a wide range of psychosocial services, helping them to 10 function better in their environments, solve their personal 11 problems, and improve their relationships with others; and

12 WHEREAS, With roots going back more than a century, the 13 social work profession has played an instrumental role in the 14 advancement of civil and human rights in the United States and the 15 rest of the world; modern social workers continue to advocate for 16 fairness and increased access to resources that benefit the most 17 people, while working to create pathways to full participation in 18 society; and

WHEREAS, Due to the increasing need for health and support services, social work is one of the fastest-growing professions in the country; social workers are employed in many different industries and organizations, including public and private agencies, hospitals and hospices, schools and universities, businesses and foundations, and military branches and veterans

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3 WHEREAS, By empowering others to use their strength and 4 resilience to navigate life's challenges, these dedicated 5 professionals have made a positive difference in the lives of many, 6 and they are richly deserving of our gratitude and commendation; 7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 9 Legislature hereby recognize March as Social Work Month and extend 10 a warm welcome to all those present on the occasion of Social Work 11 Advocacy Day on March 5, 2013; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 13 prepared for the Texas Chapter of the National Association of 14 Social Workers as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of 15 Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 644 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House