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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Many dedicated social work professionals, including

2 members of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social

Workers, are gathering in Austin on March 5, 2013, to celebrate

4 Texas Social Work Advocacy Day, as part of a month-long observance

5 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

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19 WHEREAS, Due to the increasing need for health and support

20 services, social work is one of the fastest-growing professions in

21 the country; social workers are employed in many different

22 industries and organizations, including public and private

23 agencies, hospitals and hospices, schools and universities,

24 businesses and foundations, and military branches and veterans

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- 1 centers, as well as in local, state, and national elected offices;
- 2 and
- 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.