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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Social workers contribute immeasurably to the
2 well-being of Texas residents, and these dedicated men and women
3 are being honored during March 2015 with the observance of
4 Professional Social Work Month; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than a century, social workers have helped
6 individuals overcome life's most difficult challenges by providing
7 them with the knowledge, skills, and assistance necessary to build
8 a brighter future; and

9 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the ideals of shared prosperity
10 and equal opportunity for all, early social workers in the United
11 States fought for progressive reform and played an essential role
12 in the establishment of Social Security, Medicare, and other core
13 programs that protect all U.S. citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, Through their determined advocacy, social workers
15 have also helped bring about greater protections for children and
16 improved treatment for people suffering from physical disabilities
17 and mental illness; moreover, members of the profession reach out
18 to the elderly, veterans, and other underserved groups, and they
19 are frequently called on to assist those suffering from poverty,
20 discrimination, and abuse; and

21 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics,
22 social work is one of the fastest-growing careers in the nation,
23 with more than 650,000 Americans holding degrees in the field;
24 these skilled professionals undergo extensive training and are

1 employed in schools, hospitals, prisons, government and private
2 agencies, and numerous other settings; and

3 WHEREAS, A nation's character is defined by its treatment of
4 its most vulnerable citizens, and social workers in the Lone Star
5 State and beyond are indeed deserving of respect and appreciation
6 for their tireless efforts to improve the lives of individuals and
7 families in need; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 2015 as Professional Social Work
10 Month and commend the members of this vital profession for their
11 hard work and many accomplishments; 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.