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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Society for Social Work Leadership in
2 Health Care are marking the organization's 50th anniversary at
3 their annual meeting and conference in Austin October 14-17, 2015;
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5 WHEREAS, The field of medical social work in the United
6 States dates back to the early 1900s, when Ida M. Cannon, at
7 Massachusetts General, pioneered the role of the on-site hospital
8 social worker; since then, these dedicated professionals have
9 benefited countless individuals and families by incorporating an
10 understanding of the patient's social environment and challenges
11 into their medical treatment plan; and

12 WHEREAS, Established in 1965, the Society for Social Work
13 Leadership in Health Care serves as a central source of advocacy,
14 education, and networking for health care social workers; with
15 approximately 500 members from more than 40 states and 4 countries,
16 it seeks to promote universal accessibility and to increase the
17 effectiveness of care that addresses the psychosocial components of
18 health and illness; and

19 WHEREAS, The organization has played a key role in the
20 development of national practice standards, producing publications
21 on health care social work that are used in both academic and
22 clinical settings, and for the last 10 years, it has actively
23 cultivated future leaders through its Social Work Health Leadership
24 Foundation training program; the society also lends its support and

1 expertise to practitioners and to agencies such as the Joint
2 Commission, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the
3 National Association of Social Workers; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the past half-century, members of the Society
5 for Social Work Leadership in Health Care have made vital
6 contributions to the medical community, and they are indeed
7 deserving of recognition and appreciation for their tireless
8 efforts to improve the lives of their patients; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Society
12 for Social Work Leadership in Health Care and extend to all those
13 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for a
14 productive and enjoyable meeting and conference; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.