

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 263

WHEREAS, Social workers strive to address the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable, and to assure their emotional and psychological well-being; and

WHEREAS, Americans from all walks of life benefit from the wide-ranging services provided by social workers, who endeavor to ensure that children grow up in safe and nurturing households, that older adults are treated with care and dignity, that veterans receive the support they need to successfully reintegrate into civilian communities, and that individuals who are struggling instead learn to thrive; social workers help clients to secure access to crucial health care and mental health services, and in clinical settings they help patients deal with issues that accompany serious illness, substance abuse, and domestic conflict; and

WHEREAS, The history of the social work profession is closely entwined with the struggle for social justice in America; social workers have championed the promise of shared prosperity and opportunity for everyone and have furthered the equality and acceptance of marginalized groups and individuals through their collective actions; recognizing the impact of discrimination, social workers stand up for the rights of others and support the presence of diversity in every community; and

WHEREAS, Members of the social work profession are involved in the formulation of policy that affects the lives of the poor and other underprivileged populations, and they perform research that contributes to the existing body of knowledge about the human condition; and

WHEREAS, More than 650,000 Americans hold degrees in social work, an area of study that requires an understanding of

human development and behavior and how those are influenced by social, cultural, and economic institutions; the men and women who choose this field pursue a truly noble calling, and their far-reaching achievements, which have uplifted and empowered countless Americans, are deserving of our utmost respect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize March 2015 as Professional Social Work Month in Texas and extend to the members of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and social workers throughout the Lone Star State sincere appreciation for their efforts.

Garcia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate