R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Members of the Texas chapter of the National

2 Association of Social Workers are gathering at the State Capitol on

3 March 6, 2017, to celebrate Texas Social Work Day; and

4   WHEREAS, The largest group of mental health care providers in

5 the United States, social workers labor in government agencies,

6 schools, universities, social service offices, community centers,

7 military bases, and health care facilities to meet the needs of the

8 most vulnerable members of our society; they help individuals

9 overcome physical disability, substance abuse, and issues such as

10 depression and anxiety, and they comfort and assist the survivors

11 of war, conflict, and natural disasters; in addition, they have

12 advocated for years on behalf of the rights of women, African

13 Americans, Latinos, members of the LGBTQ community, those who are

14 disabled, and people of various ethnic, cultural, and religious

15 groups; and

16   WHEREAS, Across the nation, social workers are celebrating

17 March as Social Work Month, under the theme "Social Workers Stand

18 Up!" and on March 21, they are commemorating World Social Work Day,

19 with the theme "Promoting Community and Environmental

20 Sustainability"; and

21   WHEREAS, Members of one of the fastest-growing professions in

22 the nation, social workers dedicate themselves every day to

23 serving, protecting, and advocating on behalf of millions of their

24 fellow Americans, and they may indeed take great pride in their

1 mission of compassion and empowerment; now, therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

3 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2017, as Texas Social Work

4 Day and extend to the visiting social workers sincere best wishes

5 for an informative and enjoyable event.

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H.R. No. 600

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 600 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House