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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The National Association of Social Workers, Texas
2 Chapter, is hosting Social Work Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on
3 April 11, 2025, and this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to
4 recognize the highly acclaimed School of Social Work at The
5 University of Texas at Arlington; and

6 WHEREAS, The UTA School of Social Work is one of the largest
7 and most prestigious programs of its kind in the nation; boasting
8 over 2,100 students and more than 13,000 alumni, the school offers a
9 bachelor's degree program that is consistently ranked among the top
10 three in Texas and the Southwest, as well as an online master's
11 program that has been rated as the best in the country by several
12 independent evaluators; and

13 WHEREAS, A national leader in aging and gerontology
14 education, UTA's School of Social Work is among a minority of
15 graduate programs in North America offering a specialty track in
16 this field; the school's master's degree program features
17 additional specialties in health care, children and families,
18 mental health and substance misuse, and community and
19 administrative practice, and the school allows students to become
20 certified to provide social work services to veterans and members
21 of the military; moreover, its academic offerings include a highly
22 regarded Ph.D. program, and it is expected to launch its
23 much-anticipated doctor of social work online program in January
24 2026; and

1 WHEREAS, The School of Social Work is a research powerhouse
2 dedicated to promoting lifelong learning, professional growth, and
3 personal development; last year, its faculty members ranked in the
4 96th percentile for publication in academic and scientific research
5 journals and secured \$6.8 million in external funding awards for
6 their research; and

7 WHEREAS, UTA social work students, through their field
8 practicum and internship courses, contribute nearly 600,000
9 volunteer hours annually at more than 300 community agencies and
10 organizations, which translates to an economic impact of over \$15
11 million; and

12 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1967, The University of Texas
13 at Arlington School of Social Work has advanced society's
14 understanding of social justice and trained generations of social
15 advocates who have positively influenced the lives of countless
16 people in North Texas and beyond; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize April 11, 2025, as Social Work
19 Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all
20 those who are visiting Austin in observance of this occasion.