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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 24

Introduced by Assembly Member Yamada

February 23, 2012

House Resolution No. 24—Relative to Social Work Month.

1 WHEREAS, March 2012 is recognized nationally as “Social
2 Work Month” and this year’s theme is, “Social Work Matters”;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The social work profession has its roots in the 1889
5 Chicago settlement house movement led by the “Mother of Social
6 Work,” Jane Addams; and

7 WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession
8 is to enhance and meet the basic needs of all people, with particular
9 attention to the needs and empowerment through social action and
10 social justice for those who are poor, oppressed, and living in
11 poverty; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 640,000 professional social
13 workers *employed* in the United States, ~~48,000~~ *over 50,000* of
14 whom are in California; and

15 ~~WHEREAS, There are over 4,000 graduate students in the social
16 work pipeline in 21 accredited California State University,
17 University of California, and private programs throughout the
18 state; and~~

19 WHEREAS, Professional social workers train in an intensive
20 combination of classroom and community experiences focused on
21 individuals, families, and communities in crisis and in need of
22 help; and

1 WHEREAS, Professional social workers provide services across
2 the age spectrum, from prenatal to end of life services; and

3 WHEREAS, Professional social workers serve in diverse
4 settings, including schools, courtrooms, health clinics, hospitals,
5 senior centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, the military,
6 disaster relief, prisons, corporations, and in political office; and

7 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have served in
8 Congress include the Honorable Ron Dellums, MSW, the
9 Honorable Barbara Lee, MSW, and the Honorable Susan Davis,
10 MSW. The Honorable Mary Salas, BSW, and the Honorable Patty
11 Berg, B.A. in social work, have served in the California State
12 Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined
14 their leadership skills and knowledge of community development
15 into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW,
16 President of the United Farmworkers Organization, and James
17 Mize, MSW, Sacramento Superior Court Judge; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
20 Assembly proclaims March 2012 “Social Work Month” in the
21 State of California, commends the California Chapter of the
22 National Association of Social Workers for its role in advancing
23 professional social work and promoting the well-being of the
24 people of California, and urges all Californians to take part in
25 March “Social Work Matters” events throughout California; and
26 be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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