

**House Resolution**

**No. 12**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Thurmond**

February 26, 2015

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House Resolution No. 12—Relative to Social Work Month.

1 WHEREAS, March 2015 is recognized nationally as “Social  
2 Work Month” and this year’s theme is, “Social Work Paves the  
3 Way for Change”; 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 600,000 professional social  
13 workers in the United States, over 65,000 of whom are in  
14 California; and

15 WHEREAS, There are over 4,000 graduate students in the social  
16 work pipeline in 22 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

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined  
13 their leadership skills and knowledge of community development  
14 into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW,  
15 President of the United Farmworkers Organization, and Caitlyn  
16 Ryan, LCSW, Director of the Family Acceptance Project; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That March  
19 2015 is proclaimed “Social Work Month” in the State of California,  
20 commends the California Chapter of the National Association of  
21 Social Workers is commended for its role in advancing professional  
22 social work and promoting the well-being of the people of  
23 California, and that all Californians to take part in March “Social  
24 Work Paves the Way for Change” events throughout California;  
25 and be it further

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