

House Resolution

No. 12

Introduced by Assembly Member Thurmond

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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

1 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 600,000 professional social
2 workers in the United States, over 65,000 of whom are in
3 California; and

4 WHEREAS, There are over 4,000 graduate students in the social
5 work pipeline in 22 accredited California State University,
6 University of California, and private programs throughout the
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, Professional social workers train in an intensive
9 combination of classroom and community experiences focused on
10 individuals, families, and communities in crisis and in need of
11 help; and

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

14 WHEREAS, Professional social workers serve in diverse
15 settings, including schools, courtrooms, health clinics, hospitals,
16 senior centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, the military,
17 disaster relief, prisons, corporations, and in political office; and

18 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have served in
19 Congress include the Honorable Ron Dellums, MSW, the
20 Honorable Barbara Lee, MSW, and the Honorable Susan Davis,
21 MSW, and who have served in the California State Legislature
22 include the Honorable Mary Salas, BSW, the Honorable Patty
23 Berg, B.A. in social work; and the Honorable Mariko Yamada,
24 MSW; and

25 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined
26 their leadership skills and knowledge of community development
27 into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW,
28 President of the United Farmworkers Organization, and Caitlyn
29 Ryan, LCSW, Director of the Family Acceptance Project; now,
30 therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That March*
32 *2015 is proclaimed “Social Work Month” in the State of California,*
33 *commends the California Chapter of the National Association of*
34 *Social Workers is commended for its role in advancing professional*
35 *social work and promoting the well-being of the people of*
36 *California, and that all Californians to take part in March “Social*
37 *Work Paves the Way for Change” events throughout California;*
38 *and be it further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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