

House Resolution

No. 40

Introduced by Assembly Members Eggman and Thurmond

February 24, 2016

House Resolution No. 40—Relative to Social Work Month.

1 WHEREAS, March 2016 is recognized nationally as Social
2 Work Month and this year’s theme is, “Social Work: Forging
3 Solutions Out of Challenges”; 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 of, and empowerment through social action
10 and social justice for, those who are poor, oppressed, and living
11 in poverty; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 650,000 professional social
13 workers in the United States, over 65,000 of whom are in
14 California; and

15 WHEREAS, There are over 7,500 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 professional social workers who have served in the
9 California State Legislature include the Honorable Mary Salas,
10 BSW, the Honorable Patty Berg, B.A. in social work; and the
11 Honorable Mariko Yamada, 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 2016 is proclaimed Social Work Month in the State of California,
20 and the Assembly commends the California Chapter of the National
21 Association of Social Workers for its role in advancing professional
22 social work and promoting the well-being of the people of
23 California, and also encourages all Californians to take part in
24 March “Social Work: Forging Solutions Out of Challenges” events
25 throughout California; 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.