

House Resolution

No. 40

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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

1 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 650,000 professional social
2 workers in the United States, over 65,000 of whom are in
3 California; and

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