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No. 24

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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

1 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 640,000 professional social
2 workers employed in the United States, over 50,000 of whom are
3 in California; and

4 WHEREAS, Professional social workers train in an intensive
5 combination of classroom and community experiences focused on
6 individuals, families, and communities in crisis and in need of
7 help; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Professional social workers serve in diverse
11 settings, including schools, courtrooms, health clinics, hospitals,
12 senior centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, the military,
13 disaster relief, prisons, corporations, and in political office; and

14 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have served in
15 Congress include the Honorable Ron Dellums, MSW, the
16 Honorable Barbara Lee, MSW, and the Honorable Susan Davis,
17 MSW. The Honorable Mary Salas, BSW, and the Honorable Patty
18 Berg, B.A. in social work, have served in the California State
19 Legislature; and

20 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined
21 their leadership skills and knowledge of community development
22 into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW,
23 President of the United Farmworkers Organization, and James
24 Mize, MSW, Sacramento Superior Court Judge; now, therefore,
25 be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
27 Assembly proclaims March 2012 “Social Work Month” in the
28 State of California, commends the California Chapter of the
29 National Association of Social Workers for its role in advancing
30 professional social work and promoting the well-being of the
31 people of California, and urges all Californians to take part in
32 March “Social Work Matters” events throughout California; and
33 be it further

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

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