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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of Pennsylvania's human service  
2 workers and designating the month of April 2002 as "Human  
3 Service Worker Month" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's human service workers, including case  
5 management aides, social work assistants, community support  
6 workers, mental health aides, community outreach workers, life  
7 skill counselors and gerontology aides, provide essential  
8 services in a variety of fields such as nursing, psychiatry,  
9 psychology, rehabilitative and physical therapy and social work;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Human service workers provide direct and indirect  
12 client services by assessing clients' needs, establishing  
13 eligibility for benefits and services and helping clients to

1 obtain them; and

2 WHEREAS, Human service workers may perform other functions  
3 such as arranging transportation and escorts for clients;  
4 providing emotional support; monitoring and keeping case  
5 records; reporting progress to supervisors and case managers;  
6 transporting or accompanying clients to adult day-care centers,  
7 group meal sites or doctors' offices; telephoning or visiting  
8 clients' homes to verify that essential services are being  
9 received; helping to resolve disagreements, problems or  
10 disputes; assisting with the completion of applications and  
11 insurance or medical forms; or otherwise providing aid to  
12 clients with daily living needs; and

13 WHEREAS, Human service workers play a variety of roles in  
14 communities, which may include organizing or leading group  
15 activities; assisting clients who are in need of counseling or  
16 crisis intervention; administering food banks or emergency fuel  
17 programs; reviewing clients' records to ascertain that they have  
18 been given and have taken correct medication; and talking with  
19 family members or conferring with medical personnel and other  
20 caregivers to gain insight into clients' backgrounds and needs;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, In halfway houses, group homes, government-supported  
23 housing programs, psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation  
24 programs, outpatient clinics and other facilities, human service  
25 workers work with professional care providers to help clients  
26 master everyday skills and to teach them how to communicate more  
27 effectively and get along better with others; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
29 significant contribution made by human service workers to  
30 Pennsylvania's communities and to overall improvement in the

1 quality of life of the citizens of this Commonwealth; and be it  
2 further

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
4 month of April 2002 as "Human Service Worker Month" in  
5 Pennsylvania.