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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH  
5, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 2012 as "Professional Social Work Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The primary mission of social workers is to help  
4 people who need assistance with social issues; and

5 WHEREAS, Social workers have the education and experience to  
6 guide individuals, families and communities through complex  
7 issues and choices; and

8 WHEREAS, Social workers hold bachelor's, master's or doctoral  
9 degrees in social work and have attained a minimum number of  
10 hours in supervised fieldwork to become a licensed social  
11 worker; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 600,000 people in the United States hold  
13 social work degrees; and

14 WHEREAS, Social workers connect individuals, families and  
15 communities to available resources; and

1 WHEREAS, Social workers can be found in hospitals, police  
2 departments, mental health clinics, child welfare agencies,  
3 military facilities, adoption agencies, drug and alcohol  
4 treatment facilities, schools and corporations; and

5 WHEREAS, Professional social workers are the nation's largest  
6 provider of mental health services; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
8 employs more than 8,000 social workers to assist veterans and  
9 their families with individual and family counseling, client  
10 education, end-of-life planning, substance abuse treatment,  
11 crisis intervention and other services; and

12 WHEREAS, Social workers are dedicated to improving the  
13 society in which we live; and

14 WHEREAS, Social workers are positive and compassionate  
15 professionals; and

16 WHEREAS, Social workers endeavor to make sure everyone has  
17 access to the same basic rights, protections and opportunities;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Social workers help people help themselves, whenever  
20 and wherever they need it most; and

21 WHEREAS, Social workers are often the driving force behind  
22 important social movements in the United States and abroad; and

23 WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the  
24 need for social workers is expected to grow faster than the  
25 average for all occupations through 2018, especially in  
26 gerontology, home health care, substance abuse, private social  
27 service agencies and school social work; and

28 WHEREAS, As the need for social work services increases,  
29 there will not be enough social workers to meet the needs of  
30 their clients; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
2 2012 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania and  
3 call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of  
4 Social Workers, Pennsylvania Chapter, to celebrate and support  
5 social workers and the social work profession.