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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 26, 2015

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the National Association  
2 of Social Workers.

3 WHEREAS, The National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
4 was established in 1955 after the consolidation of seven social  
5 work organizations; and

6 WHEREAS, NASW's primary functions include promoting the  
7 professional development of its members, establishing and  
8 maintaining professional standards of practice, advancing sound  
9 social policies and providing services to protect its members  
10 and enhance social workers' professional status; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers have been on the front lines of every  
12 major social change in our nation since the late 19th century;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, NASW spearheaded efforts throughout the 20th century

1 to ensure the equal treatment of all individuals, including  
2 advocating for enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

3 WHEREAS, NASW and social workers have been and continue to be  
4 champions for low-income and elderly persons, from the  
5 establishment of Medicare through President Lyndon Johnson's war  
6 on poverty to the present day; and

7 WHEREAS, The NASW Code of Ethics, established in 1996,  
8 ensures that social work professionals at all practice levels  
9 are held to the highest standards of professional conduct; and

10 WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, called  
11 for the skills of social workers as leading providers of mental  
12 health care in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Social workers provided grief counseling and crisis  
14 intervention at companies, hospitals, community mental health  
15 centers and schools and participated in numerous Red Cross and  
16 Salvation Army emergency assistance teams in response to the  
17 attacks; and

18 WHEREAS, NASW's support of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act,  
19 signed by President Barack Obama in 2009, further contributed to  
20 the achievement of gender equity in matters of law and justice;  
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
23 60th anniversary of the National Association of Social Workers  
24 and offer best wishes for continuing support of social workers  
25 and the social work profession.