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# H. RES. 589

Supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and  
World Social Work Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2012

Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MOORE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. NORTON, Mr. STARK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. RAHALL, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work  
Month and World Social Work Day.

Whereas the social work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century;

Whereas the primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable;

Whereas programs and services provided by professional social workers are essential elements of the United States social safety net;

Whereas social workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development, aging and family caregiving, child protection and family services, health care navigation, mental and behavioral health treatment, military and veterans assistance, nonprofit management and community development, and poverty reduction;

Whereas social workers function as specialists, consultants, private practitioners, educators, community leaders, policymakers, and researchers;

Whereas social workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, elected offices, think tanks, and foundations;

Whereas social workers seek to improve social functioning and social conditions for people in emotional, psychological, economic, and physical need;

Whereas social workers are experts in care coordination, case management, and therapeutic treatment for biopsychosocial issues, and have roles in more than 50 different fields of practice;

Whereas social workers believe that the Nation's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives;

Whereas social workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential; and

Whereas social workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of Profes-  
3       sional Social Work Month and World Social Work  
4       Day;

5               (2) acknowledges the diligent efforts of individ-  
6       uals and groups who promote the importance of so-  
7       cial work and observe Professional Social Work  
8       Month and World Social Work Day;

9               (3) encourages the people of the United States  
10       to engage in appropriate ceremonies and activities to  
11       promote further awareness of the life-changing role  
12       which social workers play; and

13              (4) recognizes with gratitude the contributions  
14       of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen  
15       to serve their communities through social work.

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