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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2015–2016 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 12

Introduced by Assembly Member Thurmond

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February 26, 2015

Relative to Social Work Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 12, as amended, Thurmond.

WHEREAS, March 2015 is recognized nationally as "Social Work Month" and this year's theme is, "Social Work Paves the Way for Change"; and

WHEREAS, The social work profession has its roots in the 1889 Chicago settlement house movement led by the "Mother of Social Work," Jane Addams; and

WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance and meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment through social action and social justice for those who are poor, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Today, there are over 600,000 professional social workers in the United States, over 65,000 of whom are in California; and

WHEREAS, There are over 4,000 graduate students in the social work pipeline in 22 accredited California State University, University of California, and private programs throughout the state; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have served in Congress include the Honorable Ron Dellums, MSW, the Honorable Barbara Lee, MSW, and the Honorable Susan Davis, MSW, and who have served in the California State Legislature include the Honorable Mary Salas, BSW, the Honorable Patty Berg, B.A. in social work; and the Honorable Mariko Yamada, MSW; and

WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined their leadership skills and knowledge of community development into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW, President of the United Farmworkers Organization, and Caitlyn Ryan, LCSW, Director of the Family Acceptance Project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That March 2015 is proclaimed "Social Work Month" in the State of California, commends the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers is commended for its role in advancing professional social work and promoting the well-being of the people of California, and that all Californians to take part in March "Social Work Paves the Way for Change" events throughout California; and be it further

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