

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

A RESOLUTION

To designate March 2025 as National Social Work Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, for generations, Americans have entered the social work profession because they are passionate about helping improve the welfare of people, families, communities, and the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this year, the theme of National Social Work Month is "Social Work: Compassion + Action", which highlights the years of education and training required to attain the skills and expertise that social workers employ to elevate their compassion into actions that bring positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the social work profession has been a pivotal force in the push to improve living conditions in the United States; social workers successfully lobbied for Social Security, a forty-hour work week, Medicare, and a minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped the United States to live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, regardless of race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture, or religion; and

WHEREAS, social workers' code of ethics establishes that the profession's primary mission is the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, social workers operate in all parts of society, including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government agencies, and they help people, families, and communities secure the services and policies needed to thrive; they are at the forefront

of the most pressing issues in the country, including advocating for increased mental health care for children and adolescents and substance abuse disorder treatments; and

WHEREAS, social workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support to help strengthen families that are under stress, and help to create new families through adoption; research shows that the presence of social workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improves education, health outcomes, and quality of life for students, patients, and residents; and

WHEREAS, social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, and more than eight hundred thousand Americans are expected to be employed as social workers by 2033; social workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the country, and they are advocating for the creation of a Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact to help improve mental health care delivery; and

WHEREAS, social workers continue to stand ready to assist the United States in overcoming challenges by advocating for improved health care and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate March 2025 as National Social Work Month in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to join the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the social work profession.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES