

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. STABENOW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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

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

Whereas social work pioneers have helped lead the struggle
for social justice in the United States and have helped
pave the way for positive social change;

Whereas social workers are key employees at the Federal,
State, and local levels of government and work to expand
policies and practices that promote equity and social jus-
tice for all people;

Whereas social workers stand up for individuals and support diverse families in every community;

Whereas social workers continue to work to improve the rights of women, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (“LGBT”) community, and communities of color;

Whereas social workers know from experience that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated;

Whereas social workers know from experience that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages;

Whereas social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems;

Whereas all children have the right to safe environments and quality education;

Whereas dignity and caregiving for older adults help define the character of a nation;

Whereas veterans and the families of veterans need community support to ensure successful transitions after service;

Whereas access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives;

Whereas research has shown that all people, no matter the circumstance, may at some point in their lives need the expertise of a skilled social worker;

Whereas social workers celebrate the courage, hope, and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers;

Whereas March is recognized as Social Work Month; and

Whereas World Social Work Day is recognized on March 18,
2015: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

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

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

8 (3) encourages individuals to engage in appro-
9 priate ceremonies and activities to promote further
10 awareness of the life-changing role that social work-
11 ers play; and

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