

House Resolution 455

By: Representatives Mosby of the 83rd, Stephenson of the 90th, and Henson of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the social work profession and recognizing March, 2015, as National Social
2 Work Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance well-being and
4 help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

5 WHEREAS, social work pioneers have helped lead America's struggle for social justice and
6 pave the way for positive social change; and

7 WHEREAS, social workers, more than members of any other profession, recognize that
8 more must be done to address persistent social problems and work as change agents who put
9 the ideals of citizenship into action every day through major legislative, regulatory, and
10 social policy victories; and

11 WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community and understand that
12 individuals and communities must work to bring about group change; and

13 WHEREAS, social workers fight to improve the rights of women, African Americans and
14 other ethnic minorities, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community; and

15 WHEREAS, social workers apply their research and legislative advocacy skills to transform
16 community needs into national priorities, knowing that discrimination of any kind limits
17 human potential and must be eliminated; and

18 WHEREAS, social workers know that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and
19 economic disadvantages and help people in every stage of life function better in their
20 environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family
21 problems; and

22 WHEREAS, social workers believe that all children have the right to safe environments and
23 quality education, a nation's character is defined by how its citizens care for the elderly, and
24 veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions back into
25 society after they have served; and

26 WHEREAS, access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of
27 lives; and

28 WHEREAS, research shows that all people may need the expertise of a skilled social worker
29 at some time in their lives, no matter their age, gender, or socioeconomic status; and

30 WHEREAS, social workers celebrate the courage, hope, and strength of the human spirit
31 throughout their careers.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the numerous contributions made by the more than
34 600,000 social workers in the United States, recognize March, 2015, as National Social Work
35 Month, and encourage all citizens to celebrate and support the social work profession with
36 the National Association of Social Workers and Grady Health System.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
39 members of the public and the press.