

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 157

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2015

Ms. LEE (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. TITUS, Mr. MCGOVERN,  
and Ms. MCCOLLUM) submitted the following resolution; which was re-  
ferred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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 helped lead the Nation's strug-  
gle for social justice and have helped paved 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 LGBT community, and communities of color;

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

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

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

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

Whereas dignity and care giving for older adults help define a Nation's character;

Whereas veterans and their families 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 their circumstance, may at some time 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; and

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

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

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.

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