

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 770

Supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month during March 2018  
and World Social Work Day on March 20, 2018.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2018

Ms. LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Social Work Month during  
March 2018 and World Social Work Day on March  
20, 2018.

Whereas the profession of social work is—

(1) dedicated to enhancing the well-being of others  
and meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the  
most vulnerable people in society; and

(2) expected to grow faster than average relative to  
all professions over the next 6 years, with more than  
649,000 individuals expected to be employed as social  
workers by 2024;

Whereas social workers embody the theme of Social Work  
Month in 2018, which is “Social workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions.”;

Whereas social workers are—

(1) employed throughout society, including in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, the military, and health care and mental health organizations;

(2) the largest group of providers of mental health services in the United States; and

(3) present in times of crisis, helping—

(A) individuals overcome issues such as the death of a loved one and grief; and

(B) individuals and communities recover from natural disasters, including floods and hurricanes;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest employers of social workers who hold advanced degrees;

Whereas, for decades, social workers have pushed to ensure rights for all people, including women, African Americans, Latinos, individuals who are disabled, individuals who are LGBTQ, and various ethnic, cultural, and religious groups;

Whereas the profession of social work has helped bring about some of the most profound, positive changes in society over the past century, including improvements with respect to—

(1) voting rights;

(2) workplace safety;

(3) the minimum wage; and

(4) social safety net programs that help prevent poverty and hunger; and

Whereas social workers continue to engage and bring together individuals, communities, agencies, and units of government in order to help society address some of the most pressing current issues, including—

- (1) immigration reform;
- (2) ensuring equal rights for all people;
- (3) providing affordable and good health care and mental health care for all individuals; and
- (4) protecting the environment: 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 that 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) with gratitude, recognizes the contributions  
13       of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen  
14       to serve their communities through social work.

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