

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6020

A RESOLUTION commemorating March as professional social work month and honoring the hundreds of students who are currently studying to become social workers and will join the more than six thousand social workers practicing in Kansas.

WHEREAS, Social workers are dedicated to the successful functioning of American society; and

WHEREAS, Social workers are the largest provider of mental health services across the state and the country; and

WHEREAS, Social workers stand up to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Social workers help resolve systemic issues that negatively affect community life; and

WHEREAS, Social workers believe there are no limits to human potential; and

WHEREAS, Social workers work through community based agencies and organizations, hospitals, the military, government, private practice and educational institutions to provide resources and guidance all of which support social functioning; and

WHEREAS, Social workers are on the front lines of responding to such human needs as homelessness, poverty, family break-up, mental illness, physical and mental disability, substance abuse, domestic violence and many other issues; and

WHEREAS, Social workers have the right education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices; and

WHEREAS, Social workers are educated in all of the nine recognized and accredited university social work programs in this state; and

WHEREAS, Social workers are licensed professionals at the Baccalaureate, Masters and Clinical levels of practice; and

WHEREAS, Social workers risk their lives for the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Social workers increase their skills and knowledge through regular continuing education, including establishing a safe working environment for clients wherever they are served; and

WHEREAS, Social workers find professional satisfaction in the achievement and progress made by their clients; and

WHEREAS, Social workers make a wide range of social contributions throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, A social work career is one filled with purpose and possibilities; and

WHEREAS, Social workers help thousands of Kansans lead more rewarding lives: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That March is professional social work month and student social workers are commended and appreciated for their dedication and commitment to better the lives of others; and the Legislature recognizes the skills, knowledge, ethics and supervision necessary to be an outstanding social worker; and the Legislature supports the long and successful careers of social work students.

House Resolution No. 6020 was sponsored by Representative Bob Bethell.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*