

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 85

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Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,
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(Constance), Johnson (Mike),
Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster,
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Mazzei, Myers, Newberry, Nichols,
Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell,
Schulz, Sparks, Stanislawski,
Sweeden, Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution relating to social workers; applauding and supporting the goals and ideals of social workers in this state; recognizing the contributions of individuals who serve their communities through social work; encouraging young people to seek out educational and professional opportunities to become social workers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, social workers promote social, political and economic justice and change on behalf of all people; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the social work profession is rooted in the core values of service, social justice, integrity, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, and competence, and these core values are the foundation of the social worker's purpose and perspective; and

WHEREAS, the field of social work is unique in its dual aims of providing individual prevention, treatment and care while improving social conditions; and

WHEREAS, throughout the profession's history, social workers have sought to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources and opportunities that allow them to meet their basic needs; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped craft national policies for social security, civil rights, disability rights, child protection, fair pay, mental health parity, and numerous other programs that support Oklahoma families; and

WHEREAS, the practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and behavior, of social, economic and cultural institutions, and of the interaction of all these factors; and

WHEREAS, social workers provide education and invaluable experience to lead individuals, families, and entire communities through intricate social issues and life choices in order to enhance human well-being and promote empowerment and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, social workers permeate all facets of society, from hospitals to schools, from group homes to mental health clinics, and consistently strive to develop, promote and improve methods of care and best practices; and

WHEREAS, social workers delve into a myriad of public services in the interests of social justice by participating in activities such as community organization, consultation administration, advocacy, social and political action, policy development and implementation, education, and research and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, social workers are committed to a mission of great purpose to create infinite possibilities for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate applauds and supports the goals and ideals of social workers in this state.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes with gratitude the contributions of the countless caring individuals who serve their communities through social work.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages young people to seek out educational and professional opportunities to become social workers.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association for Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of March, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate