

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 8, 2010

House Resolution No. 1071

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1071 - By: MCDANIEL (JEANNIE) of the House.

A Resolution applauding and supporting the goals and ideals of social workers; recognizing the contributions of social workers; encouraging young people to become social workers; recognizing March 2010 as Social Workers Month in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA
19 LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives applauds and supports the goals
21 and ideals of social workers in this state.

1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes with gratitude the
2 contributions of the countless caring individuals who serve their communities through
3 social work.

4 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages young people to seek out
5 educational and professional opportunities to become social workers.

6 THAT March 2010 is hereby recognized by the Oklahoma House of Representatives
7 as Social Workers Month in Oklahoma.

8 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Lannie Endicot, President of
9 the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and Dr. Jim Kelly,
10 President of the National Association of Social Workers.

11 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.