

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 117

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30, 2011

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LEVIN,  
Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. JOHNSON of  
South Dakota) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to  
the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## RESOLUTION

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

Whereas social work is a profession of hope, grounded in  
practical problem-solving expertise;

Whereas social workers are positive change agents who dedi-  
cate their careers to helping people transform their lives  
and improving environments to make that transformation  
possible;

Whereas more than 640,000 trained social work professionals  
in the United States work tirelessly to provide resources  
and guidance that support social functioning in agencies,  
hospitals, hospices, schools, universities, legislatures, pri-  
vate practices, corporations, and the military;

Whereas social workers have education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices;

Whereas social workers stand up for others to make sure that everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities;

Whereas social workers have been an important force behind several significant social movements in the United States;

Whereas social workers are on the frontlines, responding to such human needs as homelessness, poverty, family breakups, mental illness, physical and mental disability, substance abuse, domestic violence, and many other issues;

Whereas Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, which is March 15, 2011, build awareness of the role that professional social workers play in the community and the wide range of contributions social workers make throughout their careers; and

Whereas the 2011 Professional Social Work Month theme, “Social Workers Change Futures”, showcases the expertise and dedication of professional social workers in helping to improve lives: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of Profes-  
3       sional Social Work Month and World Social Work  
4       Day;

5               (2) acknowledges the diligent efforts of individ-  
6       uals and groups who promote the importance of so-

1 cial work and observe Professional Social Work  
2 Month and World Social Work Day;

3 (3) encourages the people of the United States  
4 to engage in appropriate ceremonies and activities to  
5 promote further awareness of the life-changing role  
6 which social workers play; and

7 (4) recognizes with gratitude the contributions  
8 of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen  
9 to serve their communities through social work.

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