

Reps. Hovey-Wright, Abed, Brown, Singh, Zemke, Santana, Robinson, Switalski, Lamonte, Geiss, Smiley, Brunner, Rutledge, Cotter, Slavens, Lauwers, Kurtz, Schmidt, Denby, Jacobsen, Price, LaVoy, Pettalia, Barnett, Durhal and Roberts offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 331.**

A resolution to declare March 2014 as Social Work Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

Whereas, Social work pioneers helped lead America's struggle for social justice; and

Whereas, Social workers know that poverty and trauma can create lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

Whereas, Social workers know that discrimination of any kind limits human potential and must be eliminated; and

Whereas, Social workers stand up for individuals and support diverse families in every community; and

Whereas, Social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems; and

Whereas, All children have the right to safe environments and quality education; and

Whereas, Dignity and caregiving for older adults help define a nation's character; and

Whereas, Veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful transitions after service; and

Whereas, Access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of lives; and

Whereas, Social workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action every day; and

Whereas, Social workers believe in shared prosperity and opportunity for everyone; and

Whereas, Social work research and advocacy turn community needs into national priorities; and

Whereas, Social workers celebrate the courage, hope, and strength of the human spirit throughout their careers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2014 as Social Work Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the numerous contributions made by our social workers and call upon all citizens to celebrate and support the social work profession.