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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 28, 2012, AS "SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION DAY" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Savage, Chippendale, Marcello, and Hearn

Date Introduced: March 27, 2012

Referred To: Placed on House Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Social work is a profession for those who possess a strong desire to help  
2 improve peoples' lives. Social workers help individuals function the best way they can in their  
3 environment and in their relationships. They help to solve people's personal and family problems;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Social work education prepares students for work as professionally qualified  
6 social workers. The goal is to help develop competent and accountable social workers who are  
7 able to strengthen families and their communities; and

8           WHEREAS, Employment of social workers is expected to increase by 16 percent during  
9 the 2008-2018 decade, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Concern about  
10 crime, juvenile delinquency, and services for individuals with physical, psychological, and  
11 cognitive disabilities, and individuals and families in crisis are impelling the necessity for more  
12 social workers; and

13           WHEREAS, Rhode Island College School of Social Work, Providence College  
14 Department of Social Work, Salve Regina University Department of Social Work, and the  
15 Community College of Rhode Island Social Work Education Program are helping to fill the  
16 pressing call for future social workers through comprehensive education and training programs;  
17 now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims March 28, 2012, to be "Social Work Education Day" in

1 the State of Rhode Island. We encourage professors, teachers, principals, students, and all of the  
2 citizens of this state to participate in this day, acknowledging the wonderful education by Rhode  
3 Island College School of Social Work, Providence College Department of Social Work, Salve  
4 Regina University Department of Social Work, and the Community College of Rhode Island  
5 Social Work Education Program; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That this House recognizes and honors the great benefits and invaluable  
7 service professionally-trained social workers provide to the citizens of this state; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Chapter of the National  
10 Association of Social Workers, Rhode Island College School of Social Work, Providence College  
11 Department of Social Work, Salve Regina University Department of Social Work, and the  
12 Community College of Rhode Island Social Work Education Program.

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