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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Introduced by: Senators Buhl O'Donnell, Bradford, Brown, Cammack, Frerichs, Heinert, Holien, Hunhoff (Bernie), Lederman, Novstrup (David), Parsley, Peters, Rampelberg, Rave, Rusch, Soholt, Solano, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle and Representatives Bartling, Bordeaux, DiSanto, Feickert, Gibson, Greenfield (Lana), Hawks, Hawley, Hickey, Hunhoff (Jean), Killer, Kirschman, McCleerey, Ring, Schrempp, Soli, and Wollmann

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commending and recognizing the numerous contributions
2 made by South Dakota's social workers.

3 WHEREAS, the primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance well-being and
4 help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable in society; and

5 WHEREAS, social work pioneers helped lead America's struggle for social justice and pave
6 the way for positive social change; and

7 WHEREAS, social workers have a unique understanding that more must be done to address
8 persistent social problems; and

9 WHEREAS, social workers are change agents who put the ideals of citizenship into action
10 everyday through major legislative, regulatory, and social policy victories; and

11 WHEREAS, social workers support diverse families in every community, understanding that
12 individuals and communities together can bring about group change; and

13 WHEREAS, social workers continue to work to improve the rights of women, Native



1 Americans and other ethnic minorities, and the LGBT community; and

2 WHEREAS, social workers apply their research and legislative advocacy skills to transform
3 community needs into national priorities; and

4 WHEREAS, social workers know from experience that discrimination of any kind limits
5 human potential and must be eliminated; and

6 WHEREAS, social workers know from experience that poverty and trauma can create
7 lifelong social and economic disadvantages; and

8 WHEREAS, social workers help people in every stage of life function better in their
9 environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, all children have the right to safe environments and quality education; and

12 WHEREAS, dignity and care-giving for older adults help define a nation's character; and

13 WHEREAS, veterans and their families need community support to ensure successful
14 transitions after service; and

15 WHEREAS, access to mental health treatment and health care services saves millions of
16 lives; and

17 WHEREAS, research shows that all people, no matter their circumstance, at some time in
18 their lives, may need the expertise of a skilled social worker; and

19 WHEREAS, social workers celebrate the courage, hope, and strength of the human spirit
20 throughout their careers:

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninetieth Legislature of the
22 State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of
23 the State of South Dakota commends and recognizes the numerous contributions made by South
24 Dakota's social workers; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature designates March 2015, as National
2 Social Work Month and calls upon all South Dakotans to join with the National Association of
3 Social Workers, the South Dakota Chapter, and the State of South Dakota in celebration and
4 support of the social work profession.