

House Resolution 28 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY FORD
1 3 A Resolution to honor Iowa's social workers.
1 4 WHEREAS, social workers play a central role in the
1 5 delivery of services necessary for the support and
1 6 well-being of individuals, children, and families in
1 7 Iowa; and
1 8 WHEREAS, social workers are part of the aging
1 9 workforce, with a significant number reaching
1 10 retirement age in the next 10 years; and
1 11 WHEREAS, the shortage of mental health
1 12 professionals is already evident in certain rural
1 13 areas of Iowa; and
1 14 WHEREAS, as the state's population ages, there is a
1 15 growing need for skilled geriatric social workers to
1 16 address the special needs of Iowa seniors; and
1 17 WHEREAS, Iowa's population is becoming more
1 18 diverse, while only 3 percent of social workers are
1 19 nonwhite and relatively few are bilingual; NOW
1 20 THEREFORE,
1 21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
1 22 That the House of Representatives through this
1 23 resolution shows the appreciation of its members to
1 24 the social workers now working in Iowa, and thanks
1 25 them for all they do to help Iowans, despite the fact
1 26 that social worker incomes fall at the lower end of
1 27 the pay scale compared to other bachelor and
1 28 master-related professions; and
1 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
1 30 Representatives requests high schools, colleges, and
2 1 universities to encourage students in Iowa to become
2 2 social workers when they enter the workforce to help
2 3 address the need for more social workers in the coming
2 4 years.
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