

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Social Work Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, social workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans on a daily basis in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within federal, state, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, social workers have worked to improve human well-being, advocate for their communities, and support basic needs; and

WHEREAS, social workers select this profession out of a deep commitment to help uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the theme of social work month in 2026 is "Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.", which shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives and bring hope and healing to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, social workers are guided by a professional code of ethics that emphasizes service, integrity, the dignity and worth of every person, the importance of human relationships, competence, and a commitment to fairness and opportunity in all communities; and

WHEREAS, social workers serve individuals, families, and communities across diverse backgrounds, including those experiencing economic hardship, discrimination, displacement, or other life challenges, and help connect people to essential supports and community resources; and

WHEREAS, social workers assist individuals navigating trauma, grief, health concerns, natural disasters, and public health emergencies and help strengthen resilience and long-term stability; and

WHEREAS, social workers work to reduce barriers that limit opportunity, promote respectful dialogue, advocate for policies and practices that empower clients, and support systems that improve social mobility; and

WHEREAS, social workers promote safety and positive outcomes by providing care and coordination for individuals experiencing mental health conditions, substance use challenges, family instability, and child welfare concerns; and

WHEREAS, the profession continues to grow, with more than eight hundred ten thousand social workers in the United States contributing through direct practice, education, research, leadership, and community engagement to support a fair, responsive, and compassionate society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express enduring appreciation for the vital contributions of social workers across the nation; does hereby designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Social Work Day at the state capitol; and does hereby urge Louisianians to join the National Association of Social Workers in celebrating and supporting the work of social workers who uplift, defend, and positively transform communities in the state and across America.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES