

1 A RESOLUTION designating March 3 to 9, 2024, as School Social Work Week in  
2 the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, School Social Work Week is marked on the first full week of March to  
4 celebrate school social workers across the nation, and to appreciate their work in helping  
5 students achieve academic success; and

6 WHEREAS, school social workers are professionals within the social work field  
7 who partner with teachers, parents, and school administrators to help students deal with  
8 mental health and behavioral challenges and provide academic and classroom support;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, school social work began in the early 20th century with visiting  
11 teachers getting involved in improving student attendance and building close  
12 relationships between home and school; and

13 WHEREAS, the growing number of visiting teachers led to the establishment of the  
14 National Association of Visiting Teachers, which was eventually renamed the School  
15 Social Work Association of America; and

16 WHEREAS, today the Kentucky Association for School Social Work endeavors to  
17 promote school social work practitioners' growth and professional development, ensure  
18 that the highest standards of professional school social work practices are upheld, and  
19 promote the effective use of school social work services for students and their families  
20 throughout the Commonwealth;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
23 ***Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby designates March 3 to 9, 2024, as School Social  
25 Work Week in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

26 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
27 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe.