

Rep. Abed offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 53.

A resolution to declare March 3-9, 2013, as School Social Work Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Children require a safe and supportive climate in which to learn the skills necessary to become prolific members of the society at large, and;

Whereas, Children are diverse in their ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic background, ability, and needs; and;

Whereas, School Social Workers provide interventions and assistance utilizing an ecological framework addressing variations in development and learning, as well as reciprocal influences of home, school, and community, and;

Whereas, School Social Workers provide direct intervention, consultation, collaboration, and advisement services to students, their family members, and school staff regarding students' social, emotional, and behavioral status impacting development, mental health, learning, and school success, and;

Whereas, School Social Workers, who constitute the over 800 members of the Michigan Association of School Social Workers and comprise about ten percent of the 6700 member Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, are trained to provide leadership, advocacy, and collaboration to promote overall academic success by providing services to strengthen home, school, and community partnerships and eliminate barriers to learning, and;

Whereas, School Social Work is a specialized area of practice within the broad field of the clinical social work profession as licensed by the State of Michigan and as approved by the Michigan Department of Education, and;

Whereas, The School Social Workers are essential team members who can provide leadership in the development of crisis prevention, intervention, and management of critical incident responses and policies critical to providing safe educational environments which contribute to students' academic success, and;

Whereas, The Michigan Association of School Social Workers and the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers have provided the legislature expertise in determining policies regarding the welfare, safety, and success of students in Michigan's schools on issues that have included special education, behavior management, bullying prevention, suicide, and school violence; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 3-9, 2013, as School Social Work Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Association of School Social Workers and the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers as a token of our esteem.