No. R-76. House concurrent resolution recognizing the special importance of social workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(H.C.R.48)

Offered by: Representatives Vyhovsky of Essex, Ancel of Calais, Cina of Burlington, Donnally of Hyde Park, Pugh of South Burlington, and Rachelson of Burlington

<u>Whereas</u>, social workers are essential to Vermonters' well-being, and these trained professionals offer guidance and support to persons with a variety of personal and emotional challenges, and

Whereas, because of COVID-19, the problems individuals and families are encountering for which a social worker's support can be beneficial are of a magnitude not typically experienced, and

Whereas, throughout the United States, March was observed as Social Work Month, with the timely theme that social workers are essential, and

Whereas, social workers make many invaluable contributions to improve the lives of Vermonters, and their efforts, especially in 2021, merit this legislature's commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the special importance of social workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the National Association of Social Workers Vermont Chapter.