

Senator Clark-Coleman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 102.

A resolution proclaiming March 5-11, 2006, as School Social Work Week.

Whereas, Children need a supportive environment in order to learn the skills that will prepare them to become productive members of society; and

Whereas, Children have different backgrounds, abilities, and needs, but all can succeed; and

Whereas, Linking schools to human services, reducing barriers to learning, and facilitating positive learning atmospheres within schools require specialized mental health professionals; and

Whereas, School social workers, who constitute the 700 members of the Michigan Association of School Social Workers and are among the 6,000 members of the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, are trained to provide the specialized services to ensure the well-being of children and reduce barriers to learning through working with families, teachers, and community organizations; and

Whereas, The Michigan Association of Social Workers has partnered with the Legislature, lending their expertise in shaping policies that affect the well-being, safety, and success of students in Michigan's schools on issues that have included special education, prevention of bullying and violence, and psychotropic medications in schools; and

Whereas, School social workers across the country will mark the 100th anniversary of their profession during national School Social Work Week, March 5-11, 2006; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That March 5-11, 2006, be proclaimed as School Social Work Week in 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.