Florida Senate - 2005

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By Senator Wilson

33-1769A-05 1 Senate Resolution No. 2 A resolution commending The Links, 3 Incorporated, for its work in Florida. 4 5 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is a highly respected 6 international organization of more than 10,000 professional, 7 accomplished, dedicated women of African ancestry in 274 chapters located in 42 states and three countries with a 8 mission and purpose of friendship and community service, and 9 10 WHEREAS, members of The Links are role models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who work toward purposeful public 11 12 service with educational, cultural, and civic commitments 13 through four functional facets - International Trends and Services, National Trends and Services, The Arts, and Services 14 to Youth, and 15 WHEREAS, the National Trends and Services facet of The 16 17 Links, Incorporated, also encompasses service related to three Linkages including: Education; Health and Wellness; and 18 Legislative work that highlights and addresses concerns of the 19 organization in these areas and also impacts African-Americans 20 21 and society, and 22 WHEREAS, major issues and needs that concern the 23 Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, include eliminating health disparities in conformity with the federal Healthy 2.4 People 2010 program, which establishes national health 25 objectives designed to identify the most significant 26 27 preventable threats to the health of African-Americans, and 2.8 targeting six focus areas that disproportionately impact the health of African-Americans - infant mortality, cancer, 29 30 cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and immunizations, 31 and

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| 1 | WHEREAS, Links from around the State of Florida have |
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| 2 | assembled today to demonstrate their support for the 2004 |
| 3 | Florida Legislature's enactment of Healthy People 2010 |
| 4 | legislation promoting elimination of health disparities, to |
| 5 | thank members of the Florida Legislature for their wisdom and |
| б | prudent action in addressing health and wellness in terms of |
| 7 | societal need, and to encourage Legislators to monitor, |
| 8 | implement and seek progress through this important |
| 9 | legislation, and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, Senator Frederica Wilson and Senator Mandy |
| 11 | Dawson are members of The Links, Incorporated, NOW, THEREFORE, |
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| 13 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: |
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| 15 | That this body does pause in its deliberations to pay |
| 16 | its respects to the dedicated efforts and example of the |
| 17 | Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Margaret |
| 18 | Thompson Johnson, in their successful campaign for the |
| 19 | advancement and accomplishment of equitable health care policy |
| 20 | and services for all Floridians, and to recognize the |
| 21 | exemplary value of their work toward increasing quality and |
| 22 | years of healthy life for the residents of this state. |
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