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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution welcoming and commending the members of the
3 Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated.

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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
8 chapters located in 42 states and three countries, its mission
9 being to promote friendship and purposeful community service,
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11 WHEREAS, members of The Links are committed role models,
12 mentors, activists, and volunteers who, through the
13 organization's International Trends and Services, National
14 Trends and Services, The Arts, and Services to Youth, work to
15 offer opportunities and hope to those who are educationally
16 disadvantaged and culturally deprived, and

17 WHEREAS, the National Trends and Services of The Links,
18 Incorporated, addresses issues relating to education and health
19 and wellness, focusing on legislation in these areas as they
20 impact society at large and African Americans in particular, and

21 WHEREAS, critical priorities of the Southern Area of The
22 Links, Incorporated, include the need for eliminating health
23 disparities in conformity with the federal Healthy People 2010
24 program, which established national health objectives designed
25 to identify the most significant preventable threats to the
26 health of African Americans and targeted six focus areas that
27 disproportionately impact the health of African Americans,

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28 including infant mortality, cancer, cardiovascular disease,
29 diabetes, HIV infections/AIDS, and immunizations, and

30 WHEREAS, Links from around the State of Florida have
31 assembled on March 31, 2005, to demonstrate their support for
32 the 2004 Florida Legislature's enactment of Healthy People 2010
33 legislation promoting elimination of health disparities and to
34 express their gratitude to the Members for their prudent action
35 in addressing this crucial health and wellness societal need,
36 NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
39 Florida:

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41 That the House of Representatives welcomes the members of
42 the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Margaret
43 Thompson Johnson, and commends their commitment to providing
44 access to equitable health care services to all Floridians and
45 thus affording an opportunity for increased years of good health
46 and quality of life for the citizens of Florida.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
48 presented to the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, as a
49 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.