

By Senator Wilson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending The Links,  
Incorporated, for its work in Florida.

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is a highly respected international organization of more than 10,000 professional, accomplished, dedicated women of African ancestry in 274 chapters located in 42 states and three countries with a mission and purpose of friendship and community service, and

WHEREAS, members of The Links are role models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who work toward purposeful public service with educational, cultural, and civic commitments through four functional facets - International Trends and Services, National Trends and Services, the Arts, and Services to Youth, and

WHEREAS, the National Trends and Services facet of The Links, Incorporated, also encompasses service related to three Linkages including: Education; Health and Wellness; and Legislative work that highlights and addresses concerns of the organization in these areas and also impacts African-Americans and society, and

WHEREAS, major issues and needs that concern the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, include eliminating health disparities in conformity with the federal Healthy People 2010 program, which establishes national health objectives designed to identify the most significant preventable threats to the health of African-Americans, and targeting six focus areas that disproportionately impact the health of African-Americans - infant mortality, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and immunizations, and

1           WHEREAS, Links from around the State of Florida have  
2 assembled today to demonstrate their support for the Florida  
3 Legislature's enactment of Healthy People 2010 legislation  
4 promoting elimination of health disparities, to thank members  
5 of the Florida Legislature for their wisdom and prudent action  
6 in addressing health and wellness in terms of societal need,  
7 and to encourage Legislators to monitor, implement and seek  
8 progress through this important legislation, and

9           WHEREAS, Senator Frederica Wilson and Senator Mandy  
10 Dawson are members of The Links, Incorporated, NOW, THEREFORE,

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12 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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14           That this body does pause in its deliberations to pay  
15 its respects to the dedicated efforts and example of the  
16 Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Margaret  
17 Thompson Johnson, in their successful campaign for the  
18 advancement and accomplishment of equitable health care policy  
19 and services for all Floridians, and to recognize the  
20 exemplary value of their work toward increasing quality and  
21 years of healthy life for the residents of this state.