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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 30, 2006, as "Links, Inc., Day at the Capitol."

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, its mission being to promote friendship and purposeful community service, and

WHEREAS, members of The Links are committed role models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who, through the organization's International Trends and Services, National Trends and Services, The Arts, and Services to Youth, work to offer opportunities and hope to those who are educationally disadvantaged and culturally deprived, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Links from around the state have assembled on March 30, 2006, to demonstrate their support for the 2004 Florida Legislature's enactment of Healthy People 2010 legislation promoting elimination of health disparities and to express their gratitude to the Members for their prudent action in addressing this crucial health and wellness societal need, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the House of Representatives welcomes the members of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, and designates March 30, 2006, as "Links, Inc., Day at the Capitol."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Margaret Thompson Johnson, Director of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.