

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, and 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, which highlights and addresses concerns of the organization in these areas and also affects 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 affect the health of African Americans - infant mortality, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes,

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30 HIV/AIDS, and immunizations, and

31 WHEREAS, Links from around the State of Florida have  
32 assembled today to demonstrate their support for the elimination  
33 of health disparities, to thank members of the Florida  
34 Legislature for their wisdom and prudent action in addressing  
35 health and wellness in terms of societal need, and to encourage  
36 Legislators to monitor, implement, and seek progress through this  
37 important legislation, and

38 WHEREAS, Senator Frederica Wilson, Senator Mandy Dawson, and  
39 Senator Arthenia Joyner are members of The Links, Incorporated,  
40 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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44 That this body does pause in its deliberations to pay its  
45 respects to the dedicated efforts and example of the Southern  
46 Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Margaret Thompson  
47 Johnson, in their successful campaign for the advancement and  
48 accomplishment of equitable health care policy and services for  
49 all Floridians, and to recognize the exemplary value of their  
50 work toward increasing quality and years of healthy life for the  
51 residents of this state.