

By Senator Wilson

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1 Senate Resolution

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, the National Trends and Services facet of The
18 Links, Incorporated, also encompasses service related to three
19 Linkages, including Education, Health and Wellness, and
20 legislative work, which highlights and addresses concerns of the
21 organization in these areas and also affects African Americans
22 and society, and

23 WHEREAS, major issues and needs that concern the Southern
24 Area of The Links, Incorporated, include eliminating health
25 disparities in conformity with the federal Healthy People 2010
26 program, which establishes national health objectives designed
27 to identify the most significant preventable threats to the
28 health of African Americans, and targeting six focus areas that
29 disproportionately affect the health of African Americans -

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30 infant mortality, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes,
31 HIV/AIDS, and immunizations, and

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

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

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

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