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## 1 House Resolution

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

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5 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is a highly respected  
6 international organization consisting of more than 12,000  
7 professional, accomplished, and dedicated women of African  
8 ancestry in 270 chapters, located in 42 states, the District of  
9 Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, with a mission  
10 and purpose of friendship and community service, and

11 WHEREAS, members of The Links are role models, mentors,  
12 activists, and volunteers who work toward purposeful public  
13 service with 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, the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated,  
24 announced that childhood obesity, which according to the Centers  
25 for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is a public health  
26 epidemic that poses one of the most urgent threats to the health  
27 and well-being of children and their families, shall be its  
28 focused program initiative, and

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29 WHEREAS, the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, has  
30 officially launched its Childhood Obesity Initiative and  
31 simultaneously announced its partnership with other health  
32 organizations to provide resources to support this initiative  
33 with chapters located throughout the Southern Area, and

34 WHEREAS, Links from around the State of Florida have  
35 assembled on March 25, 2010, to demonstrate their support for  
36 the elimination of childhood obesity and to focus their efforts  
37 on establishing, supporting, and continuing to identify those  
38 programs aimed at preventing childhood obesity and to encourage  
39 Legislators to monitor, implement, and seek progress on this  
40 issue through legislation, and

41 WHEREAS, Representative Audrey Gibson and Representative  
42 Geraldine F. Thompson are members of The Links, Incorporated,  
43 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That this body does pause in its deliberations to pay its  
49 respects to the dedicated efforts and example of the Southern  
50 Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Link Mary F. Currie,  
51 Area Director, in its successful campaign to eliminate childhood  
52 obesity and support those programs that support this initiative  
53 and assist to create a better quality of life for the children  
54 of this state.