

By Senator Joyner

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 23, 2011, as "The  
3 Links, Incorporated, Day" at the Capitol.

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5 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, with its mission and  
6 purpose of friendship through community service, is comprised of  
7 more than 12,000 women members, located in 42 states, the  
8 District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and

9 WHEREAS, members of The Links, Incorporated, are women of  
10 African ancestry who are well-educated, are highly skilled and  
11 trained, and are capable of attacking adverse conditions and  
12 fostering remedies that are of a critical nature to the well-  
13 being of society, such as the issue of childhood obesity and its  
14 affect on African American youth, and

15 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, through its functional  
16 facets of International Trends and Services, National Trends and  
17 Services, The Arts, Services to Youth, and Health and Human  
18 Services, with emphasis on legislative concerns, has a vision  
19 and goal of impacting society through its relevant and creative  
20 initiatives, relying heavily on the expertise of its members who  
21 are doctors, nutritionists, educators, social workers, and  
22 nurses, in collaboration with other specialists, and

23 WHEREAS, the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, has  
24 launched its Childhood Obesity Initiative and, in partnership  
25 with the American Heart Association, is collaborating throughout  
26 the Southern Area with other well-respected and highly educated  
27 professionals and organizations to attain its goal of erasing  
28 the ill effects of this dreaded condition in African American  
29 youth, who are statistically most adversely affected, and

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30 WHEREAS, there is a concerted effort throughout the United  
31 States to prevent and eradicate childhood obesity, and the  
32 Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, wishes to go on record  
33 as having been involved and having contributed to the  
34 elimination of this condition in African American youth through  
35 education, nutrition counseling, medical attention, promoting  
36 physical fitness, and providing monetary support to schools,  
37 social agencies, and other entities, and

38 WHEREAS, those Links hereby assembled are from the Southern  
39 Area of The Links, Incorporated, and many, specifically from the  
40 State of Florida, are at The Capitol to show their solidarity  
41 and concern for the elimination of childhood obesity, NOW  
42 THEREFORE,

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

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46 That the Senate welcomes the members of the Southern Area  
47 of The Links, Incorporated, especially the Florida members of  
48 the Southern Area, who are passionate about the eradication of  
49 childhood obesity within the Southern Area, including the State  
50 of Florida, and recognizes March 23, 2011, as "The Links,  
51 Incorporated, Day" at the Capitol.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
53 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mary F. Currie,  
54 Director of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, as a  
55 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.