

By Senator Joyner

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 9, 2012, 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, highly skilled and
11 trained, and capable of overcoming adverse conditions and
12 fostering remedies that are critical to the well-being of
13 society, such as the issue of Science, Technology, Education,
14 and Mathematics (STEM) education and its affect on African
15 American youth, and

16 WHEREAS, working through its five functional facets,
17 International Trends and Services, National Trends and Services,
18 The Arts, Services to Youth, and Health and Human Services, The
19 Links, Incorporated, relies heavily on the expertise of its
20 professional members, including computer analysts, engineers,
21 scientists, statisticians, and educators, who work in
22 collaboration with other specialists to have a greater impact on
23 society through relevant and creative initiatives, and

24 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, will promote STEM
25 activities and programs in an effort to close the achievement
26 gap for minority children by targeting pre-K through college
27 classrooms, encouraging and preparing students to attend
28 colleges and universities that have STEM programs, expose
29 students to STEM-related careers, and equip students with the

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30 skills to compete and excel in a global workforce that
31 increasingly relies on individuals with STEM-related
32 proficiencies, and

33 WHEREAS, a host of "Links" representing the Southern Area
34 of the organization, including many from this state, have
35 converged on the Capitol to show their solidarity and support of
36 STEM Education through arts and mentoring, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the Senate welcomes members of The Links,
41 Incorporated, from the Southern Area and this state, who are
42 passionate about STEM education and career readiness
43 initiatives, and recognizes February 9, 2012, as "The Links,
44 Incorporated Day" at the Capitol.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
46 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Eneid A.
47 Francis, Southern Area director of The Links, Incorporated, as a
48 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate for this
49 organization's efforts to create a better quality of life for
50 the children of this state.