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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 9, 2012, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day" at the Capitol.

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

WHEREAS, members of The Links, Incorporated, are women of African ancestry who are well-educated, highly skilled and trained, and capable of overcoming adverse conditions and fostering remedies that are critical to the well-being of society, such as the issue of Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics (STEM) education and its impact on African-American youth, and

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

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, will promote STEM activities and programs in an effort to close the achievement gap for minority children by targeting pre-K through college classrooms, encouraging and preparing students to attend colleges and universities that have STEM programs, expose

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29 students to STEM-related careers, and equip students with the
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 House of Representatives of the State of
39 Florida:

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

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