

By Senator Joyner

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 4, 2013, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day" at the Capitol and applauding the organization's efforts to create a better quality of life for the children of this state.

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, with its mission and purpose of friendship through community service, is composed of more than 12,000 members, located in 41 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 assisting others in overcoming adverse conditions and fostering remedies that are critical to the advancement of our communities and the advancement of our youths into professional areas such as science, technology, education, and mathematics (STEM) education and its effect 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

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30 classrooms, encouraging and preparing students to attend
31 colleges and universities that have STEM programs, exposing
32 students to STEM-related careers, and equipping students with
33 the skills to compete and excel in a global workforce that
34 increasingly relies on individuals with STEM-related
35 proficiencies, and

36 WHEREAS, a host of "Links" representing the Southern Area
37 of the organization have converged on the Capitol from
38 throughout the state to show their solidarity and support of
39 STEM education through the arts and mentoring, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That the Senate welcomes members of The Links,
44 Incorporated, from the Southern Area, applauds their passion for
45 STEM education career readiness initiatives, mentoring our
46 youth, and eradicating childhood obesity and recognizes April 4,
47 2013, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day" at the Capitol.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
49 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Eneid A.
50 Francis, Southern Area Director of The Links, Incorporated, as a
51 tangible token of the sentiments expressed in this resolution.