

By Senator Joyner

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 20, 2014, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day at the Capitol" and applauding the organization's efforts to create a better quality of life for the residents of this state.

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, established in 1946 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 well-being of society, such as science, technology, education, and mathematics (STEM) education and its effect on African-American youths, 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, is promoting the eradication of racial disparities in the public's right to

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30 safety, enhanced student achievement in STEM educational
31 programs, and increased funding for mentoring programs that
32 serve at-risk youth populations, and encouraging continued
33 funding for financial assistance and educational opportunities
34 for minority students, and

35 WHEREAS, a host of "Links" representing the 19 Florida
36 chapters of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, have
37 converged on the Capitol to show their solidarity and support
38 for the eradication of racial disparities with regard to the
39 public's right to safety, STEM education, increased funding for
40 mentoring programs for at-risk youths, and sufficient financial
41 assistance and educational opportunities for minority students,
42 NOW, 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 members of The Links,
47 Incorporated, from the Southern Area, applauds their passion for
48 STEM education career readiness initiatives, mentoring our youth
49 and eradicating childhood obesity, and recognizes March 20,
50 2014, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day at the Capitol."

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