

By Senators Joyner and Thompson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 26, 2015, as "The  
3 Links, Incorporated, Day at the Capitol" and  
4 applauding the organization's efforts to create a  
5 better quality of life for the residents of this  
6 state.

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8 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, established in 1946 with  
9 a mission and purpose of friendship through community service,  
10 is composed of more than 12,000 members located in 41 states,  
11 the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas,  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, members of The Links, Incorporated, are women of  
14 African ancestry who are well educated, highly skilled and  
15 trained, and capable of assisting others to overcome adverse  
16 conditions and fostering remedies that are critical to the well-  
17 being of society, such as science, technology, engineering, and  
18 mathematics (STEM) education and its benefit to African-American  
19 youth, and

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

28 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is promoting the  
29 eradication of racial disparities in public safety, enhanced

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30 student achievement in STEM educational programs, and increased  
31 funding for mentoring programs that serve at-risk youth;  
32 encouraging continued funding for financial assistance and  
33 educational opportunities for minority students; and promoting  
34 awareness and providing support for the national "Black Lives  
35 Matter" movement, and

36 WHEREAS, a host of "Links" representing the 19 Florida  
37 chapters of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, have  
38 converged on the Capitol to show their solidarity and support  
39 for the eradication of racial disparities with regard to public  
40 safety; enhanced student achievement in STEM education;  
41 increased funding for mentoring programs for at-risk youth,  
42 including programs that combat childhood obesity; and continued  
43 financial assistance and educational opportunities for minority  
44 students, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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48 That the Senate welcomes members of The Links,  
49 Incorporated, from the Southern Area, applauds their passion for  
50 STEM education and career readiness initiatives, and for  
51 mentoring and providing financial assistance to at-risk youth,  
52 and recognizes March 26, 2015, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day  
53 at the Capitol."

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution with  
55 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Eneid A.  
56 Francis, 18th Southern Area Director of The Links, Incorporated,  
57 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.