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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 26, 2015, 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 14,000 women 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 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, promotes STEM activities and programs in an effort to close the achievement gap for minority children by targeting prekindergarten through college

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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  
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, will  
35 converge 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 House of Representatives welcomes members of The  
42 Links, Incorporated, from the Southern Area and this state, who  
43 are passionate about STEM education and career readiness  
44 initiatives, and recognizes March 26, 2015, as "The Links,  
45 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  
49 expressed herein.