

By Senators Joyner and Thompson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 4, 2016, 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 interests that are critical to the
17 well-being of society, such as science, technology, engineering,
18 arts, and mathematics (STEAM) education and its benefit to
19 African-American 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 business owners, educators,
25 engineers, lawyers, and scientists who work in collaboration
26 with other specialists to have a greater impact on society
27 through relevant and creative initiatives, and

28 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is promoting the
29 eradication of racial disparities in public safety, enhanced
30 student achievement in STEAM educational programs, and increased
31 funding for mentoring programs that serve at-risk youth;
32 encouraging continued funding for financial assistance and

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33 educational opportunities for minority students; and promoting
34 awareness and providing support for the national "Black Lives
35 Matter" movement, and

36 WHEREAS, members of The Links, Incorporated, representing
37 the 19 Florida chapters of the Southern Area of the
38 organization, and operating under the area's biennial theme,
39 "Embracing Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Promise," have converged
40 on the Capitol to show their solidarity and support for the
41 causes advocated by the organization, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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45 That the Senate welcomes members of The Links,
46 Incorporated, from the Southern Area, and recognizes their
47 passion for safe and sound approaches to individual and public
48 safety, a statewide system of public education that is
49 sufficiently funded, and equal access to health care and
50 recognizes February 4, 2016, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day at
51 the Capitol."

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
53 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Anne Turner
54 Herriott, 19th Southern Area Director of The Links,
55 Incorporated, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the
56 Florida Senate.