

By Senators Joyner and Wilson

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution commending The Links, Incorporated, for
3 its work in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is a highly respected
6 international organization consisting of more than 12,000
7 professional, accomplished, dedicated women of African ancestry
8 in 273 chapters, located in 42 states, the District of Columbia,
9 and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas with a mission and purpose
10 of friendship and community service, and

11 WHEREAS, members of The Links are role models, mentors,
12 activists, and volunteers who work toward purposeful public
13 service with educational, cultural, and civic commitments
14 through four functional facets - International Trends and
15 Services, National Trends and Services, the Arts, and Services
16 to Youth, and

17 WHEREAS, the National Trends and Services facet of The
18 Links, Incorporated, also encompasses service related to three
19 Linkages, including education, health and wellness, and
20 legislative work, which highlights and addresses concerns of the
21 organization in these areas and also affects African Americans
22 and society, and

23 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
24 (CDC) reports that childhood obesity is a public health epidemic
25 which poses one of the most urgent threats to the health and
26 well being of children and their families the Southern Area of
27 The Links, Incorporated announces that childhood obesity shall
28 be its focused program initiative, and

29 WHEREAS, the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated have

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30 officially launched its Childhood Obesity Initiative and
31 simultaneously announced its partnership with other health
32 organizations to provide resources to support this initiative
33 with Chapters located throughout the Southern Area, and

34 WHEREAS, Links from around the State of Florida have
35 assembled on March 25, 2010 to demonstrate their support for the
36 elimination of childhood obesity, and to focus their efforts in
37 establishing, supporting, and continuing to identify those
38 programs aimed at preventing childhood obesity, and to encourage
39 Legislators to monitor, implement, and seek progress through
40 legislation, and

41 WHEREAS, Senator Arthenia L. Joyner and Senator Frederica
42 Wilson are members of The Links, Incorporated, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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46 That this body does pause in its deliberations to pay its
47 respects to the dedicated efforts and example of the Southern
48 Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Link Mary F. Currie,
49 Area Director, in their successful campaign to eliminate
50 childhood obesity and support those programs as identified that
51 support this initiative and assist to create a better quality of
52 life for the children of this state.