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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 23, 2011, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day" at the Capitol.

5 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, with its mission and 6 purpose of friendship through community service, is comprised of 7 more than 12,000 women members, located in 42 states, the 8 District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and

9 WHEREAS, members of The Links, Incorporated, are women of 10 African ancestry who are well-educated, are highly skilled and 11 trained, and are capable of attacking adverse conditions and 12 fostering remedies that are of a critical nature to the well-13 being of society, such as the issue of childhood obesity and its 14 effect on African-American youth, and

15 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, through its functional 16 facets of International Trends and Services, National Trends and 17 Services, The Arts, Services to Youth, and Health and Human Services, with emphasis on legislative concerns, has a vision 18 19 and goal of impacting society through its relevant and creative initiatives, relying heavily on the expertise of its members who 20 21 are doctors, nutritionists, educators, social workers, and nurses, in collaboration with other specialists, and 22

23 WHEREAS, the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, has 24 launched its Childhood Obesity Initiative and, in partnership 25 with the American Heart Association, is collaborating throughout 26 the Southern Area with other well-respected and highly educated 27 professionals and organizations to attain its goal of erasing 28 the ill effects of this dreaded condition in African-American

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29 youth, who are statistically most adversely affected, and 30 WHEREAS, there is a concerted effort throughout the United 31 States to prevent and eradicate childhood obesity, and the 32 Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, wishes to go on record 33 as having been involved and having contributed to the elimination of this condition in African-American youth through 34 education, nutrition counseling, medical attention, promoting 35 physical fitness, and providing monetary support to schools, 36 37 social agencies, and other entities, and WHEREAS, those Links hereby assembled are from the Southern 38 39 Area of The Links, Incorporated, and many, specifically from the 40 State of Florida, are at The Capitol to show their solidarity 41 and concern for the elimination of childhood obesity, NOW 42 THEREFORE, 43 44 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 45 Florida: 46 47 That the Florida House of Representatives welcomes the members of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, 48 49 especially the Florida members of the Southern Area, who are passionate about the eradication of childhood obesity within the 50 51 Southern Area, including the State of Florida, and recognizes 52 March 23, 2011, as "The Links, Incorporated, Day" at the 53 Capitol. 54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

55 presented to Mary F. Currie, Director of the Southern Area of 56 The Links, Incorporated, as a tangible token of the sentiments

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