By Senators Wilson, Dawson and Joyner

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1	Senate Resolution
2	A resolution commending The Links,
3	Incorporated, for its work in Florida.
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5	WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is a highly respected
6	international organization of more than 10,000 professional,
7	accomplished, dedicated women of African ancestry in 274
8	chapters located in 42 states and three countries with a
9	mission and purpose of friendship and community service, and
10	WHEREAS, members of The Links are role models, mentors,
11	activists, and volunteers who work toward purposeful public
12	service with educational, cultural, and civic commitments
13	through four functional facets - International Trends and
14	Services, National Trends and Services, the Arts, and Services
15	to Youth, and
16	WHEREAS, the National Trends and Services facet of The
17	Links, Incorporated, also encompasses service related to three
18	Linkages, including Education, Health and Wellness, and
19	legislative work, which highlights and addresses concerns of
20	the organization in these areas and also affects
21	African-Americans and society, and
22	WHEREAS, major issues and needs that concern the
23	Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, include eliminating
24	health disparities in conformity with the federal Healthy
25	People 2010 program, which establishes national health
26	objectives designed to identify the most significant
27	preventable threats to the health of African-Americans, and
28	targeting six focus areas that disproportionately impact the
29	health of African-Americans - infant mortality, cancer,
30	cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and immunizations,
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WHEREAS, Links from around the State of Florida have 2 assembled today to demonstrate their support for the 3 elimination of health disparities, to thank members of the 4 Florida Legislature for their wisdom and prudent action in addressing health and wellness in terms of societal need, and 5 to encourage Legislators to monitor, implement, and seek progress through this important legislation, and 8 WHEREAS, Senator Frederica Wilson, Senator Mandy Dawson, and Senator Arthenia Joyner are members of The Links, 9 10 Incorporated, NOW, THEREFORE, 11 12 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida: 13 That this body does pause in its deliberations to pay 14 its respects to the dedicated efforts and example of the 15 Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Margaret 16 Thompson Johnson, in their successful campaign for the advancement and accomplishment of equitable health care policy 18 and services for all Floridians, and to recognize the 19 exemplary value of their work toward increasing quality and 20 21 years of healthy life for the residents of this state. 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30