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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Commends the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and recognizes May 15, 2013, as La. Links Day at the capitol

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and to recognize Wednesday, May 15,
3	2013, as Louisiana Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.
4	WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international organization of women of
5	color dedicated to improving the quality of life for humankind; and
6	WHEREAS, the worldwide organization has more than twelve thousand members
7	in two hundred seventy-six chapters in forty-one states, the District of Columbia, and the
8	Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and
9	WHEREAS, there are eight Links chapters in the state of Louisiana, namely the
10	Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Crescent City, LaCapitale, Monroe-Grambling, New Orleans,
11	Pontchartrain, and Shreveport chapters; and
12	WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated was founded in 1946 by Margaret Hawkins and
13	Sarah Scott in hopes of promoting civic, educational, and cultural concerns through the
14	creation of their service organization; and
15	WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated are influential decision makers
16	and opinion leaders; and
17	WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has attracted many distinguished women who
18	are individual achievers and have made a difference in their communities and the world; and
19	WHEREAS, the members of The Links are business and civic leaders, role models,
20	mentors, activists, and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-
21	minded organizations and individuals for partnership; and

1	WHEREAS, the outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated has five facets
2	which include National Trends and Service, the Arts, Services to Youth, International Trends
3	and Services, and Health and Human Services; and
4	WHEREAS, the programs are implemented through strategies such as public
5	information and education, economic development, and public policy campaigns; and
6	WHEREAS, the mission of The Links has been to discern a need and fulfill it, which
7	they have done by donating money and time to charitable efforts, including one million
8	dollars to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and two million
9	dollars to the United Negro College Fund; and
10	WHEREAS, its members contribute more than five hundred thousand documented
11	hours of community service annually strengthening their communities and enhancing the
12	nation; and
13	WHEREAS, Links Day at the capitol is a project of the southern area of The Links,
14	Incorporated, which includes chapters in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
15	Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and
16	WHEREAS, the first Louisiana Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol occurred
17	on May 19, 2005; and
18	WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated came to the legislature in 2005
19	to inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies in
20	line with Healthy People 2010; and
21	WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2006 to
22	inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that
23	provided the funding and infrastructure necessary for improvement of health care in
24	Louisiana; and
25	WHEREAS, the members of The Links chapters in Louisiana came to the legislature
26	in 2007 to inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of
27	policies that closed the gap in poverty and education, that provided adequate and affordable
28	health care to all citizens, that brought Louisiana people home, that revitalized New Orleans
29	public schools, and that guaranteed displaced Louisiana voters their constitutional right to
30	vote; and

1 WHEREAS, members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2008 to inform 2 their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies aimed at 3 reducing the obesity rate for children in Louisiana and other health care and education 4 initiatives aimed at creating a better quality of life in Louisiana; and 5 WHEREAS, members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2009, 2010, 6 2011, and 2012 to advocate for health care and education issues to continue to improve the 7 lives of all Louisiana citizens; and 8 WHEREAS, in 2013, the Louisiana Links continue their efforts at the capitol by 9 advocating for laws and policies in health care, education, voting rights, gun control, and 10 equal pay for women; and 11 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated merits a special measure of commendation as 12 they visit the Louisiana State Capitol on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, for Louisiana Links 13 Day. 14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 15 commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and does hereby recognize Wednesday, 16 May 15, 2013, as Louisiana Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 18 to the southern area director of The Links, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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