

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the efforts of Links, Incorporated and to recognize Tuesday, April 10, 2012, as Louisiana Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Links is an international organization of women of color dedicated to improving the quality of life for humankind; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide organization has more than ten thousand members in two hundred seventy-two chapters in forty-two states and three countries; and

WHEREAS, there are eight Links chapters in the state of Louisiana, namely the Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Crescent City, LaCapitale, Monroe-Grambling, New Orleans, Pontchartrain, and Shreveport chapters; and

WHEREAS, Links was founded in 1946 by Margaret Hawkins and Sarah Scott in hopes of promoting civic, educational, and cultural concerns through the creation of their service organization; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Links has been to discern a need and fulfill it, which they have done by donating money and time to charitable efforts, including one million dollars to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and two million dollars to the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, the members of Links chapters in Louisiana began coming to the legislature in 2006 to let their legislators know that they supported legislation and the development of policies that provided the funding and infrastructure necessary for improvement of health care in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the members of Links chapters in Louisiana came to the legislature in 2007 to let their legislators know that they supported legislation and the development of policies that closed the gap in poverty and education, that provided adequate and affordable health care to all citizens, that brought Louisiana people home, that revitalized New Orleans

public schools, and that guaranteed displaced Louisiana voters their constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2008 to let their legislators know that they supported legislation and the development of policies aimed at reducing the obesity rate for children in Louisiana and other health care and education initiatives aimed at creating a better quality of life in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2009, 2010, and 2011 to advocate for health care and education issues which will continue to improve the lives of all Louisiana citizens, and members continue to advocate for these important issues in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Links, Incorporated merits a special measure of commendation as they visit the Louisiana State Capitol on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, for Louisiana Links Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the efforts of Links, Incorporated and does hereby recognize Tuesday, April 10, 2012, as Louisiana Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Links, Incorporated.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES